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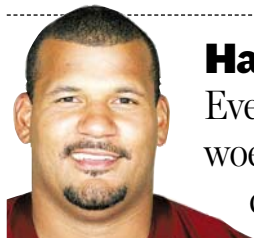
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Deep Pop:

KT Tunstall proves she's soulful on her second album. Plus, the many faces of outlaw Jesse James.

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D.C. Vote Bill Dies in Senate

GOP lawmakers block action on push for representation

WASHINGTON | Republican lawmakers on Tuesday blocked the Senate from taking up the D.C. voting rights bill, dealing a major blow to the District's most promising effort in years to get a full member of Congress.

The vote was on whether to begin action on the bill. Fifty-seven senators voted in favor, three short of the 60 needed to proceed.

Without enough support to vault the Senate's procedural hurdles, the bill is expected to stall for this year, and possibly next year.

The vote was a crushing disappointment to many activists in the decades-long campaign for voting representation for the city in Congress.

The bill, which passed the House of Representatives in April, has gone further than any other D.C. vote measure in nearly 30 years.

"We have not given up," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat, the District's non-voting congressional delegate. "We have



Norton

come too far to stop now."

The bill was a compromise aimed at appealing to both parties. It would expand the House by two seats: one for the overwhelmingly Democratic District, and the other for the next state in

line to add a seat. That state is currently Utah, which is heavily Republican. Utah would also gain an extra electoral vote.

MARY BETH SHERIDAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

1.8 Million Chinese Flee Massive Typhoon



SAFE PLACE: Children wait in a shelter in Zhejiang Province on Tuesday as China braced for Typhoon Wipha. The country evacuated 1.8 million people from eastern provinces ahead of what was expected to be the most powerful storm to hit China in years. **At risk:** Financial centers in harm's way | **Page 9**



DO YOU THINK O.J. SIMPSON CAN GET A FAIR TRIAL GIVEN HIS PAST MURDER ACQUITTAL? **A YES B NO**



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ANOTHER OPTION

Trolley Relocating All Movable People

Officially, it's the South Lake Union Streetcar. Within Seattle's Cascade neighborhood, part of the area to be served by the new line, it's popularly known as the South Lake Union Trolley — or SLUT. At Kapow! Coffee, 100 T-shirts bearing the words "Ride the SLUT" sold out in days, and another 100 are on order. "We're welcoming the SLUT into the neighborhood," said Jerry Johnson, 29, a part-time barista. Some claim — incorrectly, according to Vulcan Inc., the company developing the area — that South Lake Union Trolley was the original name and that it was changed when officials belatedly realized the acronym. (AP)



REPRESENTATION

If Only There Were Lawyers in Heaven ...

The defendant in a state senator's lawsuit is accused of causing untold death and horror and threatening to cause more still. He can be sued in Douglas County, Neb., the legislator claims, because He's everywhere. Ernie Chambers sued God last week. Angered by a lawsuit he considers frivolous, Chambers says he's trying to make the point that anybody can file a lawsuit against anybody. He's seeking a permanent injunction against the Almighty. Chambers said the lawsuit was triggered by a federal suit filed against a judge who recently barred words such as "rape" and "victim" from a sexual assault trial. (AP)



HE CAN COLOR, TOO!

Champion Stacker

Architect Bryan Berg admires the 10-foot-tall honey bear he made from 2,500 honey-bear squeeze bottles to mark National Honey Month. The monstrosity can be seen at the Citigroup Center in New York City. (EXPRESS)



"Is it time to stop and smell the roses?"

VOCABULARY

He Confused 'Infinity' With 'A Week or Two'

The world's oldest man celebrated his 112th birthday Tuesday, saying he hoped to live "for infinity." Born in 1895, Tomoji Tanabe was named the world's oldest male after the death of Emiliano Mercado Del Toro in January. The mayor of Miyakonojo City, Japan, where Tanabe lives, presented him with a bouquet and a letter of congratulation. Japan has one of the world's longest average life spans, a fact often attributed to a diet rich in fish and rice. (AP)

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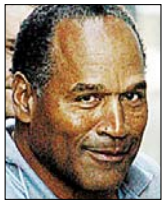
FLAT FREE DAY: The Black River Falls School District in western Wisconsin was forced to cancel classes on Monday after someone deflated the tires on all 18 of its school buses. Local police and the school district are investigating.

Nation

Simpson Accused of 7 Felonies

Kidnapping charge added to list of alleged crimes at Vegas hotel

LAS VEGAS | O.J. Simpson was charged Tuesday with seven felonies, including kidnapping, in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in a casino-hotel room.



Simpson

The former football star was arrested Sunday after a collector reported a group of armed men charged into his room at a casino and took several items Simpson claimed belonged to him.

Simpson was booked on suspicion of assault and robbery with a deadly weapon. Clark County District Attorney David Roger filed those charges and added kidnapping and conspiracy to commit kidnapping, according to court documents.

According to the charges, Simpson and the others went to the room under the pretext of brokering a deal. Once in the room, Simpson prevented one of the collectors from calling authorities on his cellphone "by ripping it out of Bruce Fromong's hand" while one or more accomplices pointed or displayed a gun, the document says. KATHLEEN HENNESSEY (AP)

Veterans Cheer Bush's Plan for Iraq

President challenges Congress to support troop deployments

WASHINGTON | President Bush, cheered on by Iraq war veterans and their families on the White House's South Lawn, urged lawmakers Tuesday to back his plan to withdraw some troops from Iraq but keep at least 130,000 there through next summer or longer.

"I ask the United States Congress to support the troop levels and the strategies I have embraced," Bush said, to loud cheers and chants of "USA! USA!"

The president briefly addressed about 850 members of military support organizations who were invited to the White House.

Bush offered sympathy to those in the crowd who had lost a loved one in the war, and he thanked war veterans as well as active-duty mil-



President Bush speaks Tuesday to members of military support organizations gathered on the South Lawn of the White House.

itary members. "On this beautiful morning, we thank you for your steadfast resolve," he said.

The president's remarks were

greeted with full-throated support from the crowd, including occasional shouts of "We love you."

Bush asked his guests to deliver a

message when they meet with lawmakers on Capitol Hill: "The commander in chief wants to succeed."

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

Reid: No War Compromise Planned

Nevada senator says war legislation will have firm deadlines

WASHINGTON | After weeks of suggesting Democrats would temper their approach to Iraq legislation in a bid to attract more Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid declared abruptly Tuesday that he



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is planning a vote on anti-war legislation.

had no plans to do so.

The Democratic leader said he will call for a vote this month on several anti-war proposals, including one by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., that would insist President Bush end U.S. combat next summer.

"There [are] no goals. It's all definite timelines," he told reporters of the planned legislation.

When asked why Democrats

won't soften the deadline, the majority leader said he doesn't have confidence Republicans are willing to challenge Bush on the war.

"I think they've decided definitely they want this to be the Senate Republicans' war, not just Bush's. They're jealous," he said with a smile.

Democrats are in a box on the Iraq war debate, lacking the votes to pass legislation ordering troops home but tied to a support base that wants nothing less. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

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"The bottom line is we must persevere [in Iraq]; we must not surrender; we must not quit and run away."

—Former President Bush, speaking on a video at a campaign rally for Sen. John McCain



Waxman: Official Censored Reports

State Department IG accused of protecting Bush administration

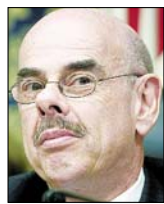
WASHINGTON | Howard J. Krongard, the State Department's inspector general, has repeatedly thwarted investigations and censored reports that might prove politically embarrassing to the Bush administration, the chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform charged Tuesday in a 13-page letter.

The letter, signed by committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and released by the committee today, said the allegations were based on the testimony of seven current and former officials on Krongard's staff and private e-mail exchanges obtained by the committee.

The letter charges that Krongard "interfered with ongoing investiga-

tions to protect the State Department and the White House from political embarrassment."

The letter also states that Krongard's actions have resulted



Waxman

in a "dysfunctional office environment in which you routinely berate and belittle personnel, show contempt for the abilities of career government professionals and cause the staff to fear coming to work."

The letter says high personnel turnover has left the office with many senior-level vacancies and only seven of 27 investigator positions filled.

Krongard's office said he was traveling on Tuesday and would not have any immediate comment on the allegations. GLENN KESSLER

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

HOUSTON, TEXAS | WINGED WARRIORS



RETURN TO THE CLOUDS: A Doolittle Raider B-25, bottom, and a Japanese Zero replica from the Lone Star Flying Museum fly over Houston on Tuesday. The Wings Over Houston event showcased the museum's plane collection.

House Backs Aid for Homeowners

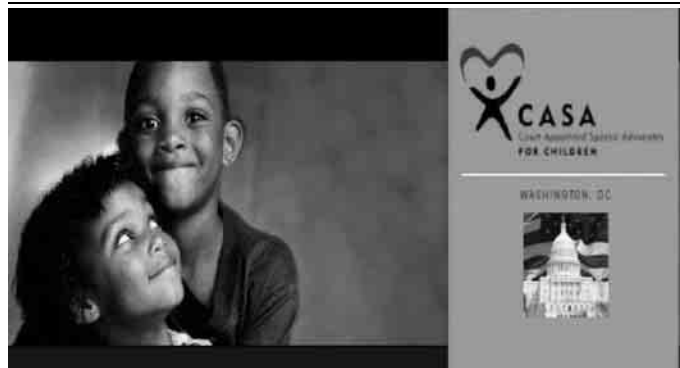
WASHINGTON | The House on Tuesday approved a plan to expand federal backing of mortgages in hopes of helping struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure.

The bill, which passed the

House, 348-72, would allow the Federal Housing Administration, which insures mortgages for low- and middle-income borrowers, to back refinanced loans for tens of thousands of borrowers who are

delinquent on payments because their mortgages are resetting to sharply higher rates.

The measure is Congress' first stand-alone bill in response to the mortgage-market tumult of the summer, which came amid a rising tide of defaults and foreclosures. (AP)



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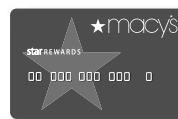
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Man arrested after shouting question to John Kerry at event

GAINESVILLE, FLA. | A university student with a history of taping his own practical jokes was Tasered by campus police and arrested after loudly and repeatedly trying to ask Sen. John Kerry questions during a campus forum.

Andrew Meyer, 21, spent a night in jail before his release Tuesday morning.

Videos of the Monday night incident show University of Florida police officers pulling Meyer away from the microphone after he asks Kerry about impeaching President Bush and whether he and Bush were both members of Skull and Bones at Yale University.

University spokesman Steve Orlando said Meyer was asked to leave the microphone after his allotted time was up. Meyer can be seen refusing to walk away and getting upset that the microphone was cut off.

As two officers take Meyer by



University of Florida student Andrew Meyer struggles with university police as officers try to remove him from a campus session with Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

the arms, Kerry, D-Mass., can be heard saying, "That's all right; let me answer his question."

Meyer yells at the officers to release him, crying out, "Don't Tase me, bro," just before he is shocked by the Taser. He is then led from the room, screaming, "What did I do?"

Meyer was arrested on charges

of resisting an officer and disturbing the peace, according to Alachua County jail records, but the State Attorney's Office had yet to make the formal charging decision.

University President J. Bernard Machen called the situation "regretful" and said two officers involved in the incident were placed on administrative leave. **TRAVIS REED (AP)**

Man Faces Life Sentence for Kidnapping Teen

BEAUFORT, S.C. | A man accused of kidnapping a 14-year-old girl and raping her in an underground bunker pleaded guilty Tuesday, moments before his trial was to begin.



Filyaw

The girl was rescued after more than a week when she talked her abductor into letting her play games on his cellphone and instead sent a text message for help.

Vinson Filyaw pleaded guilty to kidnapping and all 10 counts of criminal sexual conduct, one for each day prosecutors said he held the girl captive. Each criminal sexual conduct charge carries a sentence of up to 30 years. **(AP)**

Public Opinion on War In Iraq Is Unchanged

Report to Congress by Gen. Petraeus does not alter war views

WASHINGTON | The report to Congress by the U.S. commander in Iraq and President Bush's major televised address have had little impact on Americans' distaste for the Iraq war and their desire to withdraw U.S. troops, polls show.

Fifty-four percent still favor bringing the troops home as soon as possible, a measurement that has not changed in months, according to a poll released Tuesday by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center. And despite slight improvements in peoples' views of military progress, more said the U.S. will likely fail in Iraq than succeed by 47 percent to

SURGE SKEPTICS

→ In a separate survey by CBS News, fewer than a third said the roughly 30,000 additional troops Bush sent to the war zone this year have made things better, while the rest said they have had no impact or have made things worse. That was similar to the findings of a CBS News-New York Times poll taken days before Petraeus' and Bush's remarks.

42 percent, about the same margin as in July.

Overall, two out of three said their views on the war had not been changed by presentations last week by Bush and Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq. **(AP)**

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World

In Brief



A depiction of Muhammad by Lars Vilks, left, has drawn al-Qaeda's ire.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN Artist Defies Al-Qaeda Threat, Displays Cartoon

A Swedish artist displayed a cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad to a seminar in Stockholm on Tuesday despite a death threat from al-Qaeda in Iraq. Lars Vilks' drawing — a rough sketch depicting Muhammad's head on a dog's body — drew applause from the crowd of about 100. Dogs are considered unclean by conservative Muslims, and Islamic law generally opposes any depiction of the prophet, even favorable, for fear it could lead to idolatry. (AP)

TEHRAN, IRAN American Detainee Freed

An Iranian-American reporter who was trapped in Iran for months on suspicion of trying to stir up a revolution was allowed to leave the country Tuesday and return to the U.S., her employer said. Parnaz Azima was one of four Iranian-Americans charged with endangering national security, an accusation they denied. (AP)



UNDER COVER: A pedestrian braves the rain on a road in Shanghai as Typhoon Wipha slammed the city on Tuesday.

1.8M Flee Typhoon in China

Shanghai prepares for one of the strongest storms to ever hit area

SHANGHAI, CHINA | A typhoon expected to be among the most powerful storms to hit China in years churned toward the densely populated coast

on Tuesday with 165 mph wind gusts, and the government evacuated 1.8 million people.

The fringes of Typhoon Wipha lashed northern Taiwan, where schools, offices and the stock market closed. A construction worker was killed when the storm's winds knocked down scaffolding. Taiwan's

Disaster Relief Center said.

City authorities ordered schools closed Wednesday in Shanghai, a city of more than 20 million and China's financial hub. Chinese state-run television showed families being evacuated from fishing boats and other vessels. Shopkeepers stacked sand bags to prevent flooding as drains

clogged amid torrential rains.

The typhoon, whipping up waves up to 36 feet high, was moving northwest toward the Chinese mainland. By midnight, the typhoon appeared to be weakening and looked likely to hit land early Wednesday further south of Shanghai than originally forecast, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, citing local meteorologists.

Wipha was upgraded from a tropical storm Monday. With wind gusts of up to 165 mph, local meteorological officials said earlier it could be the most destructive storm to hit the Shanghai area in years.

"The typhoon is very likely to develop into the worst one in recent years," said a man who answered the phone at the city's meteorological bureau. As is common with Chinese officials, the man identified himself only by his surname, Fu.

Shanghai and the coastal provinces of Zhejiang and Fujian to the south issued typhoon warnings requiring all vessels to return to shore or change course to avoid the storm, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The deadliest storm to hit the China coast in recent years was Typhoon Winnie in 1997, which killed 236 people.

ELAINE KURTENBACH (AP)

Musharraf Plans to Quit Military Post

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | President Gen. Pervez Musharraf will resign as army chief and restore civilian rule if lawmakers re-elect him president in a vote expected by mid-October, officials said Tuesday.

The government hailed the decision as a democratic watershed, but the opposition said it would be illegal for Musharraf to run in uniform and threatened a boycott of the vote that could prolong Pakistan's political



Musharraf

cal instability.

Government attorney Shari-uddin Pirzada announced Musharraf's intent in a statement to Supreme

Court judges deliberating the military leader's eligibility to seek a new five-year term. It was the first clear official statement that Musharraf was ready to end direct military rule since he seized control of the Islamic world's only declared nuclear power in a coup eight years ago. (AP).

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AUCTION OFF: The art collection of famed cellist Mstislav Rostropovich is being returned to Russia after a politically connected billionaire paid more than 25 percent more than the estimated price in a surprise deal announced on the eve of the auction, a top cultural official said Tuesday.

World

Iraq to Review Foreign Security Firms

Government backs off Blackwater ban as outrage increases

BAGHDAD | The Iraqi Cabinet decided Tuesday to review the status of all foreign security companies amid mounting public outrage over the alleged killing of civilians by the State Department's security provider Blackwater USA.

Exploiting that anger, anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr demanded the government ban all 48,000 foreign security contractors, whom Iraqis have long viewed as mercenaries.

The Iraqi government appeared to back down from statements Monday that it had revoked Blackwater's license and would order its 1,000 personnel to leave the country —



DETAINED: A U.S. soldier arrests a man on the outskirts of Muqadadiyah, Iraq, on Tuesday. All foreign security contracts will be reviewed by the Iraqi government.

depriving American diplomats of security protection essential to operating in Baghdad.

"We are not intending to stop them and revoke their license indefinitely, but we do need them to respect the law and the regulation here in Iraq," government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told CNN.

Still, it was unclear how the dispute would play out, given the government's need to appear resolute in defending national sovereignty while maintaining its relationship with Washington at a time when U.S. public support is faltering.

Also Tuesday, three U.S. soldiers were killed following an explosion near their patrol northeast of Baghdad, the military said. Another soldier was killed in a vehicle accident in the northern province of Ninevah, the military said. **ROBERT H. REID (AP)**

Syria, N. Korea Deny Work on Nuclear Program

DAMASCUS, SYRIA | Syria and North Korea denied Tuesday they are cooperating on a Syrian nuclear program, and they accused U.S. officials of spreading the allegations for political reasons — either to back Israel or to block progress on a deal between Washington and Pyongyang.

A front-page editorial in the government newspaper Tishrin also was critical of the United States for failing to condemn a Sept. 6 Israeli incursion. Details of the incursion remain unclear. U.S. officials have said Israeli warplanes struck a target. A senior U.S. nonproliferation official said last week that North Korean personnel were in Syria helping its nuclear program, raising speculation that the Israelis were targeting a nuclear installation. **(AP)**

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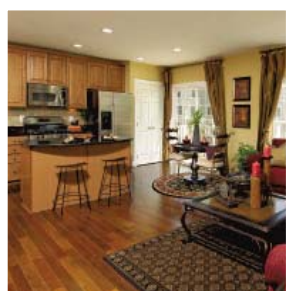
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Hundreds of monks march down the streets of Myanmar's biggest city, Yangon, on Tuesday, defying the military regime in the biggest anti-junta rally in a decade.

Onlookers Cheer Protesting Monks

More than 1,000 holy men march to oppose Myanmar government

YANGON, MYANMAR | Hundreds of defiant monks marched through Yangon on Tuesday, walking 10 miles through streets lined with cheering crowds, after being barred from Myanmar's most important Buddhist temple, witnesses said.

The marches were the latest in a series of anti-government protests, which began Aug. 19 after authorities raised fuel prices by as much as 500 percent, putting the squeeze on already impoverished citizens. The protests have continued despite the detention of more than 100 demonstrators and the rough treatment of others.

At least 400 saffron-robed monks, walking in rows of two and three and cheered on by thousands of onlookers offering water, were locked out of Yangon's famous Shwedagon pagoda and then both the Sule and Botataung pagodas. After pro-junta toughs and plainclothes police intervened, the monks sat in the street and chanted before returning to monasteries.

Some senior monks — generally seen as more conservative — also asked the group of mostly young monks to end their march. The two groups argued, but finally the procession continued.

Meanwhile, in the city of Bago about 50 miles away, another 1,000 monks peacefully marched to the Shwemawdaw pagoda, residents said. (AP)

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Local

Md. Upholds Ban on Gay Marriage

Court says state has interest in promoting opposite-sex marriage

BALTIMORE | Maryland's highest court on Tuesday upheld a state law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman, ending a lawsuit filed by same-sex couples who claimed they were being denied equal protection under the law.

Maryland's 1973 ban on gay marriage does not discriminate on the basis of gender and does not deny any fundamental rights, the Court of Appeals ruled in a 4-3 decision. It also said the state has a legitimate interest in promoting opposite-sex marriage.

"Our opinion should by no means be read to imply that the General Assembly may not grant and recognize for homosexual persons civil unions or the right to marry a person of the same sex," Judge Glenn T. Harrell Jr. wrote for the majority.



Plaintiffs Lisa Polyak, left, and Gita Deane on Tuesday condemned the Court of Appeal's ruling upholding Maryland's law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman. They had claimed they were denied equal protection under the law.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit condemned the ruling.

"I think history will hold them in contempt," plaintiff Lisa Polyak said of the judges. "To create a legal

solution in a vacuum, that doesn't recognize that the Constitution is there to support the people, is to create an ignorant and irrelevant solution."

State Sen. Richard Madaleno, who is openly gay, said he plans to introduce a bill to allow same-sex marriage. He also expects a proposal to create civil unions. (AP)

D.C. Traffic 2nd-Worst In the U.S.

The spirit-sapping, schedule-scuttling congestion of the Washington area has grown so severe that the region is now in a tie for the second-worst traffic in the nation — a notch higher on an ignominious chart no city aims to top. Only drivers in freeway-filled Los Angeles endure rush hour delays more brutal than Washingtonians', according to a national study released Wednesday.

Washington and Atlanta pulled into a second-place tie with the San Francisco-Oakland region, which had held strong in second place for years, according to a report by the Texas Transportation Institute of 2005 conditions. Drivers in all three areas sit in gridlock for an average of 60 hours per year, equivalent to a week and a half of work — or vacation. The Washington area had been No. 3 in the previous study. JONATHAN MUMMOLO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Off-Duty Officer Kills 14-Year-Old in District

WASHINGTON | An off-duty District of Columbia police officer shot and killed a 14-year-old boy Monday while searching for a minibike that the officer believed had been stolen from his home, police chief Cathy Lanier said.

The officer learned Monday evening of the apparent burglary at his home in Southeast Washington, then got into his personal car with another off-duty officer to

drive around and see whether he could find the missing bike, Lanier said Tuesday. A few blocks away, the officers spotted a teenager on the minibike and pulled up in the car to question him, she said.

The teenager allegedly began shooting at the officers, who were not in uniform, Lanier said. The officer whose bike was missing returned fire, striking the teen in the head. (AP)

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Money



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Fed Cuts Key Rate To Stymie Slump

Buoyed by a half-point drop, the Dow jumps more than 200 points

WASHINGTON | In a bold strike, the Federal Reserve slashed a key interest rate by a half-point on Tuesday — the first cut in more than four years — and left the door open to further relief to prevent a painful housing slump and jarring credit crunch from driving the country into recession.

Wall Street responded enthusiastically, propelling stocks up more than 200 points. Politicians, shaken by record-high home foreclosures, also welcomed the move.

In a crucial and anxiously awaited decision, Federal Reserve Chair-

man Ben Bernanke and his central bank colleagues lowered an important interest rate to 4.75 percent.

As a result, Wells Fargo, Bank of America and other commercial banks dropped their prime lending rate charged to millions of borrowers by a corresponding amount to 7.75 percent.

Whether Bernanke can handle the crisis successfully is the biggest challenge he has faced in his 19 months at the Fed helm. “Today’s action is intended to help forestall some of the adverse effects on the broader economy that might otherwise arise from the disruptions in financial markets and to promote moderate growth over time,” the Fed said in a statement.

JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
HovnanE	14.55	+3.22	+28.4
BeazrHm If	11.18	+1.71	+18.1
CrwfdB	6.91	+0.97	+16.3
StdPac	9.48	+1.25	+15.2
ScottishRe	3.40	+0.42	+14.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
JrnlReg	2.70	-.35	-11.5
FurnBrds	9.85	-.97	-9.0
SonocoP	30.78	-2.42	-7.3
CrosTim	39.95	-2.94	-6.9
SmithfF	30.80	-2.10	-6.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.75	8.25
Fed Funds close	4.87	5.00
3-month disc	3.90	4.00
2-year	3.95	3.92
10-year	4.47	4.36
30-year	4.75	4.64

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
FactCd&P	16.20	+8.15	+101.2
M-Wave rs	2.88	+.77	+36.5
AscentSol	12.96	+3.26	+33.6
EngyFocus	6.83	+1.23	+22.0
Iomai	1.95	+.04	+2.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Micrus	17.37	-6.20	-26.3
Quigley	3.08	-.46	-13.0
Buca	2.00	-.26	-11.5
NatHltTrn	2.30	-.25	-9.8
Delcath	3.66	-.39	-9.6

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4967	.5015	.5317
Canadian Dollar	1.0162	1.0279	1.1177
European Euro	.7157	.7211	.7871
Japanese Yen	115.74	115.17	117.85
Mexican Peso	11.0415	11.1378	10.8990
Taiwanese Dollar	33.22	33.22	32.91

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Comcast s	25.00	+.11	-11.4
Comc sp s	24.58	+.07	-12.0
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Travel

The African Scene

Ethiopians are trying to build Harar into a mecca for tourists

DESTINATIONS | For 1,000 years, this city on a hilltop has been a center of Islamic faith in the Horn of Africa, with a forbidding, 13-foot wall surrounding ancient mosques and serpentine alleyways.

Now, Harar leaders are hoping it can become a center of tourism as well. "The future of Harar is tourist attraction," said regional president Murad Abdulhadi.

Harar was named a UNESCO World Heritage site last year, joining some of the world's top landmarks such as the Grand Canyon in the United States, the Great Wall of China and the Acropolis in Greece.

It is also the fourth holiest city in Islam — behind Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem. And some consider Harar the birthplace of coffee. Its aroma wafts through the cool air of the Ethiopian highlands.

Some of Harar's attractions defy easy explanation, such as the old man who hand-feeds about 50 hyenas every night, treating them like obedient kittens.

But the city, which lies some 250 miles from the capital, Addis Ababa, lacks modern amenities and suffers from a chronic water shortage. With only a handful of hotels and the nearest airport more than an hour's drive away, moving Harar into the future is an ambitious plan.

Abdulnasser Idriss, who heads Harar's tourism department,



The walls that ring the city of Harar look much as they did hundreds of years ago. In trying to lure tourists, new amenities are being added to the historic African site.

“The future of Harar is tourist attraction.”

MURAD ABDULHADI, REGIONAL PRESIDENT

acknowledges the city faces “a big problem” in accommodating any more than the 4,500 tourists who come here each year.

In order to speed development, the regional government has given a 10-year tax break to anyone interested in building tourist facilities.



Harar is aiming to blend traditions such as marriage with modern upgrades.

The city is also planning a \$34.5 million water project that will increase Harar's available water supply more than sevenfold. Each resident in Harar now gets five gallons of water per day.

But what Harar lacks in modern amenities it more than compensates for in ancient wonders: nearly 100 old mosques, fortress-style walls and alleyways filled with ancient homes.

Abdurahman Ibrahim, 38, who lived in Harar as a child but recently returned for a visit, said the city has become much more alluring to tourists. “Everything has changed,” said the Toronto, Ontario, resident, “most of the things for the better. The city has grown so much. The road is better. The electricity is better. The water is better.”

ANITA POWELL (AP)

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THIS BUD'S FOR YOU: Kasey Kahne is the new beer man, picking up Budweiser on Tuesday as the primary sponsor for his No. 9 Dodge. Bud became NASCAR's most valuable sponsorship when it teamed with Dale Earnhardt Jr. "You can't compare me to Dale Jr.," Kahne said. Sorry, Kasey.



Sports



Randy Thomas, left, celebrates with teammates after Monday's second TD.

Redskins Guard Set For Surgery

Team will wait before saying whether he will play again this season

REDSKINS | Right guard Randy Thomas will have surgery Wednesday morning on his torn left triceps, the second major operation in two weeks on a Redskins lineman.

Thomas, who underwent an MRI on Tuesday, will have to wear a splint or cast for at least six weeks and will likely need rehabilitation for several weeks thereafter. Team officials said they would wait until after the surgery is performed to determine whether he could play again this season.

Thomas was hurt on the last offensive play of the first quarter in Monday night's 20-12 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. He was replaced by 10th-year veteran Jason Fabini, who committed two false starts but otherwise held his own in another makeshift week for the offensive line.

The Redskins were already adjusting to the loss of right tackle Jon Jansen, who broke his fibula and dislocated his ankle in the season opener. Eighth-year veteran Todd Wade started in place of Jansen on Monday night. (AP)

Plenty to Smile About for Redskins

Not even injuries can dampen Washington's mood after a 2-0 start

REDSKINS | The Redskins are 2-0, having beaten a pair of unimpressive teams led by quarterbacks who have seen better days.

Still, considering where they were a year ago — and the injuries they've already suffered in the first two weeks of the season — the undefeated record feels very, very good.

"With this team, it's just so much better than last year," Antwaan Randle El said Tuesday, "in terms of just being together and understanding what it's all about."

The Redskins have been simultaneously lucky and unlucky, good and not-so-good. A generous early schedule would seem to give them a legitimate shot at starting 6-0, but they've lost the right side of their offensive line.

Right guard Randy Thomas is out for most — if not all — of the rest of the season after tearing his left triceps in Monday night's 20-12 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, and right tackle Jon Jansen arrived at Redskins Park on Tuesday with a funky little scooter to support the surgically repaired ankle that was hurt in the season opener.



Linebackers London Fletcher, left, and Marcus Washington are all smiles after the Redskins' win over the Eagles on Monday.

The Redskins have narrow wins over the Dolphins and Eagles, but neither opponent put up much of a quality fight. Still, a victory over the Eagles on the road in prime time is worth a feather in the cap, and it's worth noting that Washington has allowed only one touchdown in the first two games — something the franchise last accomplished when

George Allen was coach in 1975.

"The whole defense has a different attitude," said linebacker Marcus Washington, stating the obvious after the defense ranked No. 31 in last year's 5-11 season. "And that's just playing for each other. Nobody's trying to do too much."

Offensively, Jason Campbell's numbers aren't the greatest, but

he is keeping drives alive by excelling on third downs. He was sacked only once, despite playing behind the makeshift line, but he failed to seal the victory when he missed Santana Moss wide open deep over the middle late in the game.

"The only thing I'm sick about right now," Campbell said, "is that Santana pass." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Eagles Are in a Familiarly Bad Spot

Can they turn things around after 2 losses, like they did in 2003?

NFL | The last time the Philadelphia Eagles opened with two losses, they ended up one win short of the Super Bowl.

It will take a dramatic turnaround to accomplish that feat again.

The Eagles (0-2) struggled on offense for the second straight week in a 20-12 loss to the Washington Redskins on Monday night. Donovan McNabb was shaky and the passing attack was out of sync, major problems for a team that relies heavily on moving the ball through the air.



Donovan McNabb has a passer rating of just 68.8, which is 24th in the NFL.

If it weren't for Brian Westbrook, the Eagles might not have even been in position to settle for four field goals after drives stalled inside the red zone. Westbrook accounted for 162 of their 340 total yards, and no one else created big plays.

Just 9½ months removed from major surgery on his right knee, McNabb looks little like the quarterback who has been to five Pro Bowls. He's completed just 54.4 percent of his passes for 424 yards, one touchdown and one interception. His passer rating of 68.8 is 24th in the NFL. And he's not scrambling like he used to because of the injury.

Some fans are calling for rookie Kevin Kolb to replace McNabb. But coach Andy Reid is confident the

nine-year veteran will eventually regain his old form.

"He'll get it done," Reid said Tuesday.

Reid pointed to the fourth quarter as a possible turning point for McNabb. He led the Eagles on two long drives that ended inside the Washington 10. They settled for a 22-yard field goal on the first one and couldn't convert a fourth-and-6 from the 9 on the second. McNabb misfired badly on a third-down pass to Kevin Curtis, and his next throw to Curtis was broken up by LaRon Landry's hard hit.

"I thought we saw a great thing with Donovan as we got through that fourth quarter," Reid said. "Some of that rust came off and it looked like the old Donovan there. So, that's a very positive thing coming out of this game." (AP)



NEW BEGINNING: Tank Johnson signed a two-year contract with Dallas Tuesday. He can't play until he completes his eight-game NFL suspension for violating probation. (AP)

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Sports



Maryland running back Keon Lattimore sits on the bench and watches as the Wake Forest football team celebrates its 38-24 win in College Park last November.

Demons' Title Win Still Haunts Terps

Maryland is looking for revenge and, more importantly, a 1-0 start

TERPS FOOTBALL | The last time Maryland faced Wake Forest, a trip to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game hung in the balance.

The Terrapins (2-1) have a different incentive in the rematch Saturday: a 1-0 start in the ACC.

Wake Forest beat Maryland 38-24 last November to advance to the ACC title game. The sting of that defeat still lingers with the Terrapins, making this league opener a bit more special than most.

"Had it just been another ACC team and not Wake Forest, that revenge factor might not be there," left guard Jaimie Thomas said Tuesday. "It's been a long time coming. ... To open up our ACC schedule by beat-

ing them would be pretty nice."

The Demon Deacons lost to Nebraska and league rival Boston College before beating Army last week. Maryland had to wait three weeks for its first league game.

"I'm excited," linebacker Dave Philistin said. "It's like our first game again. A lot of players feel that we need to get this game."

This one won't decide the ACC title, but it could go a long way toward determining whether the Terrapins can repeat their surprising run at the league's Atlantic Division crown. Boston College is already 3-0 in the division, so Maryland can ill afford to get off to an 0-1 start.

"You want to keep pace. The winner of this game is going to keep pace," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "It would be great to get a win on the road against the defending ACC champs. I think it would do wonders for our confidence." (AP)

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TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN) The Nationals have slowly been moving up in the standings the last couple of months. Unfortunately, even with games against the Mets, it's too late to mean anything.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN2) Andy Pettitte takes the mound for the Yankees when they host the Orioles in the final game

of a three-game series.

BASEBALL (8 P.M. ON ESPN) ESPN was looking for a good game to broadcast, and it settled on the Cubs versus the Reds?

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (5 A.M. AND 8 A.M. ON ESPN) The Women's World Cup continues with two more early games. Group play wraps up on Thursday.

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The amount, in millions of dollars, Byron Leftwich will receive from the Falcons over the next two years. Leftwich signed a contract with Atlanta on Tuesday after being cut by the Jaguars on Sept. 1.

Sports

A Long September in MLB

While the playoff hype builds, some cities just wait for season to end

BASEBALL | Hours before the evening's first pitch, there's playoff-race excitement in the Florida Marlins' clubhouse: The television is tuned to a game at Wrigley Field.

Dontrelle Willis sits at his locker, ignoring the TV and the buzz generated by the capacity crowd in Chicago.

"Can we win tonight?" Willis pleads to no one in particular. "Puh-leeze?"

The answer turns out to be, "No." The Marlins lose, as they've done most nights for the past month. That's the reason they're out of the postseason race, playing before tiny crowds and counting the days until the offseason.

The Marlins aren't alone. In Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, Kansas City and Cincinnati, September is typically a time for players to start



A baseball fan takes in a recent game featuring the last-place Florida Marlins.

thinking about hunting and fishing trips, family vacations and perhaps arbitration.

Elsewhere, playoff fever has broken out. For non-contending teams, it's as though a party is being thrown and they weren't invited.

"We put ourselves in this situation," Marlins second baseman Dan Uggla said. "It's not about getting invited. This is the kind of party where you've got to invite yourself."

Buddy Bell knows how meaningless games in September can become a bad habit. Bell, who plans to step down as Kansas City's manager in two weeks, has played or managed more than 3,600 games without ever making the playoffs.

"There have been some situations where I had to get in somebody's face because they couldn't wait for the season to end," Bell said. "But I think that's pretty rare."

Some teams out of contention remain feisty in September. Others fade at the finish, failing to embrace the spoilers' role.

"It helps when you're going to places like Chicago and Milwaukee, where there will be crowds," Reds interim manager Pete Mackanin said. "It's different if you're home and you've got 10,000 people in the stands." STEVEN WINE (AP)

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— **Donovan McNabb** says to James Brown during an interview set to air on Tuesday night. McNabb was asked about the criticism he, as a black quarterback, faces compared to white QBs such as Peyton Manning and Carson Palmer.

Sports

Union Asks Congress For Help

NFLPA requests law changes to aid with disability claims

NFL | Under fire from injured retirees who say they were denied sufficient benefits, the head of the National Football League Players Association asked Congress on Tuesday for greater authority to approve disability claims.

Gene Upshaw, director of the NFLPA, said the union is limited in what it can do for the former players who are battered and broken from years of playing the violent sport.



Upshaw

The players' union is asking Congress to change federal law so it has more power on the retirement board that reviews disability claims. Under current law, the union can name only three retired former players to the board. NFL owners appoint the other three representatives. The union is also asking Congress to tweak federal workers' compensation laws and eliminate some of the layers of bureaucracy that make it harder for claims to be honored. (AP)



American Abby Wambach, center, watches the ball during a rain-soaked match against Nigeria. The U.S. won 1-0 on an early goal.

U.S. Wins With Early Goal

America is set to face England in quarters after win over Nigeria

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP | Sliding feet-first, Lori Chalupny scored 57 seconds into the game — the second-fastest goal in the history of the Women's World Cup.

The goal came amid heavy rain and with a typhoon on the way, sending the United States past Nigeria 1-0 Tuesday and into the quarterfinals against England.

Abby Wambach took a throw-in from Cat Whitehill and headed the ball to Chalupny. She settled it off her chest and chipped a short right-footed shot that deflected off a Nigerian player behind goalkeeper Precious Dede.

"It's a set piece we've been working on," Chalupny said. "Abby just got the perfect flick on it, kind of what we draw up in practice, and it just happened to bounce right to me."

It was her fifth goal for the national team. The only quicker goal in tournament history was a

30-second score by Sweden's Lena Videkull in 1991.

The U.S., seeking another title to go with the ones from 1991 and '99, finished first in Group B — the toughest of the tournament with three of the world's top five teams. Next up is England on Saturday in the northern city of Tianjin.

North Korea lost 2-1 to Sweden in Tuesday's other Group B game but still advanced to face defending champion Germany on Saturday in the central city of Wuhan. The final is Sept. 30 in Shanghai. (AP)

MLB STANDINGS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	90	61	.596	—	47-28	43-33
New York	86	64	.573	3.5	48-27	38-37
Toronto	75	75	.500	14.5	45-31	30-44
Baltimore	64	85	.430	25	32-42	32-43
Tampa Bay	63	88	.417	27	35-40	28-48

CENTRAL

Cleveland	88	62	.587	—	47-28	41-34
Detroit	83	68	.550	5.5	41-34	42-34
Minnesota	73	77	.487	15	38-38	35-39
Chicago	65	85	.433	23	34-41	31-44
Kansas City	64	85	.430	23.5	32-43	32-42

WEST

L.A. Angels	88	62	.587	—	50-25	38-37
Seattle	79	70	.530	8.5	44-31	35-39
Oakland	74	78	.487	15	39-37	35-41
Texas	70	80	.467	18	42-32	28-48

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	83	66	.557	—	40-34	43-32
Philadelphia	81	69	.540	2.5	43-32	38-37
Atlanta	77	73	.513	6.5	39-36	38-37
Washington	67	83	.447	16.5	38-37	29-46
Florida	65	85	.433	18.5	32-42	33-43

CENTRAL

Chicago	79	72	.523	—	40-36	39-36
Milwaukee	77	72	.517	1	47-27	30-45
St. Louis	70	79	.470	8	40-35	30-44
Cincinnati	68	82	.453	10.5	38-37	30-45
Pittsburgh	66	84	.440	12.5	35-40	31-44
Houston	65	85	.433	13.5	39-37	26-48

WEST

Arizona	84	67	.556	—	46-30	38-37
San Diego	82	67	.550	1	44-31	38-36
L.A. Dodgers	79	70	.530	4	41-34	38-36
Colorado	77	72	.517	6	44-30	33-42
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Entertainment

In Good Company

Brad Pitt joins a long list of great actors to tackle Jesse James

GANGSTER | Notorious outlaw Jesse James, the most famous member of the James-Younger gang, entered the pantheon of folk legend after he was shot in the back by Robert Ford on April 3, 1882, at age 34. The myth hasn't diminished over the past 125 years: His legacy has been romanticized, dissected and re-envisioned in novels, songs and, most especially, films.

Tyrone Power, Robert Wagner, Robert Duvall, Clayton Moore, James Dean, Christopher Jones, Colin Farrell, Rob Lowe and Lawrence Tierney all have played James on film or on television.

Even his son, Jesse James Jr., got into the act, starring as his infamous father in 1921's "Jesse James Under the Black Flag" and "Jesse James as the Outlaw."

The latest entry in the James movie canon is "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford." Brad Pitt, who won best actor at the Venice Film Festival for his role, plays James, with Casey Affleck co-starring as his assailant.

So how did James' murder turn him into the stuff of legend?



AMERICAN LEGEND: Pitt plays the romanticized outlaw in "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford."

By 1882, the James gang was a shadow of its former self on account of arrests, death and defections. The only people James felt he could trust were Charley Ford, who had been a veteran of James' raids, and Charley's brother Robert, who was eager to prove himself.

James went so far as to invite the brothers to live with him and his family, unaware that Robert Ford secretly had been in meet-

ings with Missouri Gov. Thomas T. Crittenden about bringing the bandit to justice.

On that fateful day in April, James climbed a chair in his house to dust a picture. Both Ford brothers drew their pistols, with Robert's bullet striking James in the back of the head, killing him instantly.

Many believed the governor conspired to have James killed, as he quickly pardoned the Fords after their arrest. With the broth-

ers allowed to go free, James was turned into a martyr. His epitaph, which was chosen by his mother, reads: "In loving memory of my beloved son, murdered by a traitor and coward whose name is not worthy to appear here."

Fate didn't look kindly on the Fords. Charley Ford committed suicide two years later; Robert Ford was shot in the throat by Edward Capehart O'Kelley in 1892. **SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)**

Another Dose of Spoiled Teen

'Gossip Girl' peeks inside the exclusive world of trash talk

CALL ME! | The teenage melodrama seems to be on life support. The audience for "The O.C." evaporated. Critical favorite "Veronica Mars" never found many viewers. Can "Gossip Girl" (9 p.m.) escape their fate?

Adapted from a series of popular novels by "O.C." writer-creator Josh

Schwartz, "Gossip" is shot entirely on location in the fanciest ZIP code of a fantasy Manhattan.

The "Girl" in the title appears only in voiceover (Kristen Bell, "Veronica Mars"). She's a cyber-snoop who seems to see all and tell all, or rather text all to an eager audience of teenage readers. Her latest scoop involves Serena (Blake Lively), whose sudden disappearance and equally mysterious return sends BlackBerries beeping.

When it began, "O.C." viewers



The young, almost too attractive cast of the CW's new drama, "Gossip Girl."

could relate to a small circle of sympathetic characters. "Gossip Girl" kicks off crowded and complicated. It'd be nice to know who the characters are before before two of them jump into bed.

"Gossip" sports a dark tone and gloomy cinematography to match. Almost all the action takes place indoors in department stores, nightclubs or hotel bars, where teens drink, date and spend with the not-so-wild abandon of jaded 35-year-olds. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

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Modern Orpheus

On 'Pushing Daisies,' Ned refuses to let the love of his life die

DEDICATION | In two weeks, the television series that painstakingly marks time to show us that it never stands still will finally premiere. And on that third day of October, ABC will introduce the story of Ned the Pie Maker.

Played by Lee Pace, Ned is the likable protagonist of "Pushing Daisies," a sentimental, romantic, modern fairy tale that has accomplished what few shows in the medium can: pure distinction. Ned is not just a gifted pie maker. With a single touch, Ned can bring all dead things back to life: people, animals, plants, even fruit.

But as creator Bryan Fuller ("Dead Like Me" and "Wonderfalls") writes in the pilot, "It was a gift that not only gave — it took." That is, the dead can live again only for one minute without consequence. Any longer, and someone else dies in his or her place. If this seems sad or a tad morose, be assured that you will have a big fat smile on your face throughout the course of the episode.



MORBIDLY FUNNY: Lee Pace plays the gifted Ned in ABC's "Pushing Daisies."

Director Barry Sonnenfeld's ("Men in Black") vibrant color palette and penchant for wide-angle lenses effectively turn the show into a storybook and leave viewers almost tasting Ned's pies, feeling the grass under boy Ned's feet and hearing Ned's heart beating when he is reunited with the love of his life.

And this is where the rub of this series lies — the impossible love between Ned and Chuck (Anna Friel), childhood sweethearts who are brought back together when Chuck is murdered and Ned is

supposed to bring her to life for one minute to find out who killed her. But Ned can't bring himself to let her die, so he vows to never touch her again.

"The goal with the show was to do something that I wanted to watch — something that was fun and sweet and romantic," Fuller said. "And also a little ghoulish. We just wanted to do a grounded fairy tale that's fun and romantic that people can watch and forget about terrorism." MARIA ELENA FERNANDEZ (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



BARRIE THOMPSON

KT Tunstall's talent is evident on her sophomore effort, "Drastic Fantastic."

Tunstall's 'Fantastic' Lyricism

MUSIC | KT Tunstall may have "The Devil Wears Prada" and "American Idol" to thank for her overnight success. When two Tunstall gems — "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" and "Suddenly I See" — were featured on the movie and reality TV show, the Scottish singer-songwriter met a much wider audience. Her 2006 debut, "Eye to the Telescope," was a hit.

Tunstall's smoky vocals and intro-

spective folk-pop are again front and center on her sophomore disc, "Drastic Fantastic." Her lyrics are no less soulful: "Hold on to what you've been given lately/ Hold on 'cause the world will turn if you're ready or not," she sings over plucky guitar and hand claps on "Hold On."

That warning suggests Tunstall may worry that she'll follow other songstresses — Lisa Loeb, anyone? — into the graveyard of one-disc wonders. That won't happen, though, as long as she keeps writing lovely tracks like "Hopeless," a deceptively uplifting song that screams "Grey's Anatomy" closing montage. In a good way.

Tunstall, a soul-searcher, makes melancholy musings sound invigorating — never depressing.

ERIN CARLSON (AP)



THEATER REJECT: Former action hero Steven Seagal is starring in "A Form of Higher Learning," a direct-to-DVD thriller that he wrote. The story centers on a detective who travels the world in pursuit of serial killers while battling his own demons.



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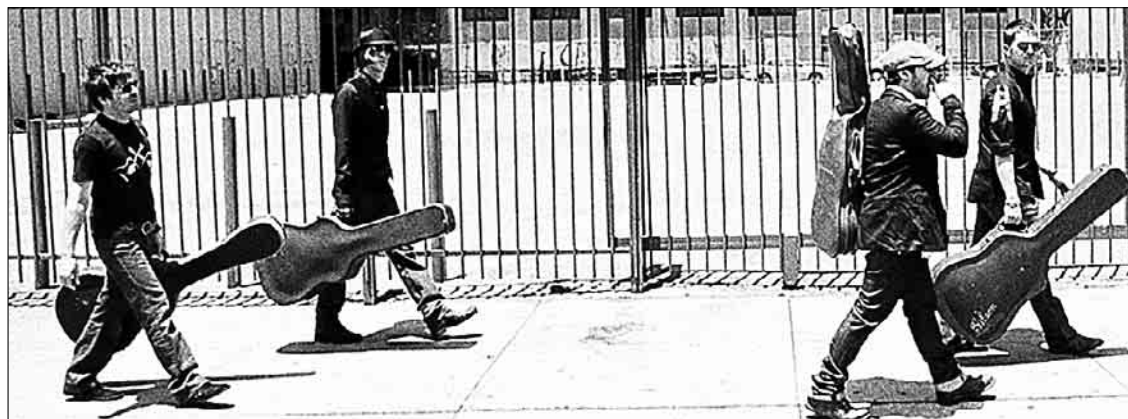
Change Is a Pop Song

Matchbox Twenty's new tunes expose the band's lighter side

SHIFT | High above New York's bustling midtown, not long before waltzing around singing a few lines from Coldplay's "Yellow" to celebrate the sun breaking outside Atlantic's office window, Matchbox Twenty's Rob Thomas proclaims that "these are the most pop-sounding songs we've ever done."

He's describing the six new songs his group just recorded with producer Steve Lillywhite (U2, the Rolling Stones, Talking Heads).

And he's right. The tracks, which will accompany the band's first greatest-hits set, "Exile on Mainstream" (due Oct. 2), are mostly bright and bouncy, perhaps marking a final transition away from Matchbox Twenty's post-grunge roots. They also reflect what Thomas and bandmate Paul Dou-



COURTESY OF MATCHBOX TWENTY

'90S REVIVAL: Despite its lead singer's successful solo career and a members shuffle, Matchbox Twenty is back out there.

cette describe as a "fresh start."

"It's like we've closed one chapter and are starting to write another," Doucette says, curled up on the corner suite's couch — suit, sandals and all. Thomas — looking more rock'n'roll in jeans and a T-shirt — nods in agreement while sucking down a cigarette.

"We don't have to do anything we don't want to do at this point,"

Thomas says, "so we're only going to make music that gets our juices flowing. It was time to do something different."

The band took its first step in that direction when original rhythm guitarist Adam Gaynor departed in early 2005. "It wasn't done with a phone call or an e-mail," Thomas recalls. "We all sat down and had this incredibly intense talk. It was one of

the hardest things we've done."

With Gaynor out, Doucette switched from drums to guitar. Then he, Thomas, lead guitarist Kyle Cook and bassist Brian "Pookie" Yale began knocking around song ideas.

"This is the first time we've really written as a group," Thomas says. "On the last album, a few of the songs were collaborations,

but this time they all were."

Perhaps the biggest change, though, was bringing Lillywhite onboard to lead the recording sessions. "Matt [Serletic, who produced the band's first three albums] is amazing, but we'd done everything we could with the sound we created together," Thomas says.

The album perhaps marks a final transition away from Matchbox Twenty's post-grunge roots.

The band members describe Lillywhite's process as being a lot more "in the moment," with songs captured in a limited number of takes.

"This could easily be the debut album of a band no one's ever heard," Atlantic chairman Craig Kallman says. "For Matchbox Twenty to do that so far into their career is a statement about what they're capable of."

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HARRYPOTTER (PG) (100 345) 645 930
OC: HALLOWEEN (R) - ID REQ'D (130) 700

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) - ID REQ'D (100 400) 725 1015
MR. WOODCOCK (PG-13) (1155 215 435) 740 1000
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 230 450) 755 1010
3:10 TO YUMA (R) - ID REQ'D (105 355) 700 950
HALLOWEEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 345) 705 935
BALLS OF FURY (PG-13) (1215 325) 640 920
WAR (R) - ID REQ'D (215) 800 1025
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) (1145 205 425) 710 925
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG-13) (1245 340) 720 955
SUPERBAD (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 325) 640 920
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG-13) (1225 240 500) 750 1005
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THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
DRAGON WARS (PG13) 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 1:00, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:00, 3:20, 5:00, 6:20, 8:00, 9:20
THE BROTHERS SOLOMON (R) 10:25 PM
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
DEATH SENTENCE (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:25, 10:05
HALLOWEEN (R) 2:40, 3:40, 5:40, 6:40, 8:40, 9:40
BALLS OF FURY (PG13) 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
ILLEGAL TENDER (R) 4:45, 7:35, 10:15
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 10:10
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 1:05, 4:15, 10:45
WAR (R) 4:50, 7:50, 10:35
SUPERBAD (R) 2:20, 4:20, 5:20, 7:20, 8:20, 10:20
SUPERBAD (R) 2:20, 5:20, 8:20
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 3:10, 5:35, 8:15, 10:45
STARDUST (PG13) 2:25, 5:45, 8:50
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG13) 2:15
HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13) 3:50, 7:05
RATATOUILLE (G) 1:35
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BECOMING JANE (PG) 1:45
DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:55, 8:25, 10:40

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 2:45, 5:30, 8:15
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 2:30, 4:40, 7:00
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 2:20, 4:30
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 2:55, 5:10, 7:40
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 7:20
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 2:50, 4:10, 5:20, 6:50, 8:10
NO RESERVATIONS (PG) 7:50
THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG13) 3:00, 5:00
RATATOUILLE (G) 2:40, 5:15

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) 12:40, 1:05, 3:35, 4:05, 6:35, 7:00, 9:35, 10:00
DRAGON WARS (PG13) 12:25, 2:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
HALLOWEEN (R) 12:35, 3:05, 6:05, 7:10, 9:05, 9:40
BALLS OF FURY (PG13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:25, 7:55, 10:05
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 12:35, 1:35, 2:50, 4:15, 5:00, 6:25, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG13) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

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THE 11TH HOUR (PG) 2:10, 4:20, 7:30
BECOMING JANE (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10
DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:40
ROCKET SCIENCE (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:50
2 DAYS IN PARIS (R) 2:00, 4:10, 7:00
MOLIERE (PG13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20
NO END IN SIGHT (NR-NOT RATED) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:20
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 1:55, 4:20, 7:05
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05

THE BRAVE ONE (R) 2:20, 5:15, 8:10
DRAGON WARS (PG13) 1:35, 3:55, 6:20, 8:40
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 6:10, 8:30, 10:35
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 1:10, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20, 10:25
HALLOWEEN (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
BALLS OF FURY (PG13) 1:55, 4:15, 6:30, 8:50
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 2:10, 4:30, 10:00
SUPERBAD (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:50, 10:20
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 2:05, 4:25, 6:40, 9:00
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
HAIRSPRAY (PG) 2:25, 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
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AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
DRAGON WARS (PG13) 5:30, 8:00
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 5:10, 7:20
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 5:40, 7:50
HALLOWEEN (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20
BALLS OF FURY (PG13) 5:00, 7:30
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 4:40, 7:00
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 4:30, 7:15

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 2:30, 5:30, 8:20

THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
DRAGON WARS (PG13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:20, 10:10
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:15
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 1:30, 3:00, 4:25, 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:20
THE BROTHERS SOLOMON (R) 9:50 PM
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10
HALLOWEEN (R) 2:10, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
BALLS OF FURY (PG13) 2:35, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 2:15, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05
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WAR (R) 7:55, 10:25
SUPERBAD (R) 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
STARDUST (PG13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:25
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 2:00, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20
THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG13) 2:40, 5:00, 7:20
RATATOUILLE (G) 1:50, 4:40

AMC SELECT

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) / 1:00, 1:55, 3:40, 4:55, 6:45, 8:00, 9:50
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 1:00, 3:40, 6:45, 9:50
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 2:35, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25
THE BROTHERS SOLOMON (R) 10:25 PM
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 2:25, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25
HALLOWEEN (R) 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:30
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
SUPERBAD (R) 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
STARDUST (PG13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:20
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) / 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10
DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:00, 3:50, 6:45, 9:45

THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20
DRAGON WARS (PG13) 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 2:55, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 1:15, 2:15, 4:05, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25
THE BROTHERS SOLOMON (R) 10:15 PM
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 7:55, 10:05
DEATH SENTENCE (R) 1:55, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00
HALLOWEEN (R) 1:50, 4:30, 6:40, 7:25, 9:15, 10:00
BALLS OF FURY (PG13) 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 2:30, 4:55, 7:05, 9:25
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
WAR (R) 10:20 PM
SUPERBAD (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 3:10, 5:35, 7:55, 10:10
STARDUST (PG13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:20
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG13) 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10
RATATOUILLE (G) 1:20, 4:00
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AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20
DRAGON WARS (PG13) 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8:20, 10:35
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 10:00
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 1:10, 2:40, 4:05, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:40
THE BROTHERS SOLOMON (R) 10:25 PM
SHOOT 'EM UP (R) 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:15, 10:35
DEATH SENTENCE (R) 3:25, 8:10
HALLOWEEN (R) 1:35, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
BALLS OF FURY (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 10:05
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 1:05, 3:10, 5:10, 7:25, 9:45
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
WAR (R) 1:00, 5:50, 10:40
SUPERBAD (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:30, 10:10
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:05, 10:15
STARDUST (PG13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:35
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30

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MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 3:10, 5:20, 7:30
BALLS OF FURY (PG13) 4:30
MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) 2:35, 5:00, 7:45
THE NANNY DIARIES (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20
SUPERBAD (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:30
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 2:10, 4:45, 7:40
THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG13) 2:30
HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13) 3:20, 6:40

LOEWS DUPONT 5

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) 4:30, 7:30
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 4:45, 7:45
HAIRSPRAY (PG) 5:00, 8:00
KNOCKED UP (R) 4:00, 7:00
NO END IN SIGHT (NR-NOT RATED) 4:15, 7:15

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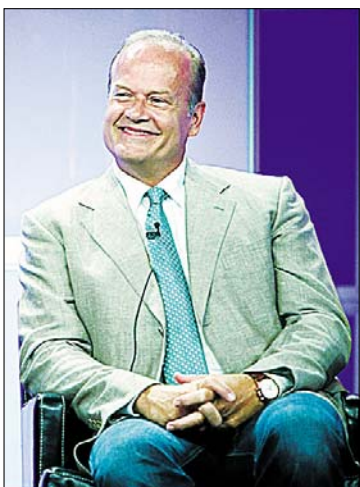
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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	4	News (N)			NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N)				Last Comic Standing The 10 finalists reunite; the winning comic.				News (N)				Tonight Show							
	WTTG	5	News (N)	TMZ (N)		The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Back to You		'Til Death		Kitchen Nightmares "Peter's"				News (N)				TMZ							
	WJLA	7	News (N)	ABC Wld News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	According to Jim		According to Jim		Gey's Anatomy (N)				News (N)				(:35) Nightline (N)							
	WUSA	9	News (N)	Evening News		News	Entertainment	Kid Nation (Series Premiere) (N)				(:07) Criminal Minds				(:06) CSI: NY "Snow Day"				(:05) News (N)				Late Show			
	WDCA	20	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown		King of Queens	King of Queens	Decision House (N)				Meet My Folks "The Blankenships"				Every-Raymond		King of the Hill		Law & Order: Criminal Intent							
	WMPT	22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Seeing in the Dark (N)				American Masters (N)				American Masters: Rivera				American Ramadan								
	WETA	26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Seeing in the Dark (N)				American Masters (N)				American Masters: Rivera				Charlie Rose (N)								
	WHUT	32	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley		BBC World News	Moneywise	Terry Bradford in Concert-Napa				Cuba MIA: Portrait of an All-Woman				BBC World News		Tavis Smiley		Charlie Rose (N)							
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BASIC CABLE	A&E		Cold Case Files Serial rapist.		CSI: Miami "Blood Moon"		CSI: Miami "Man Down"		CSI: Miami "Broken Home"		The Sopranos "Where's Johnny?"		(:15) Kansas City SWAT														
	Animal		The Crocodile Hunter		The Most Extreme	Foiled by Nature	Blue Planet: Seas of Life				Blue Planet: Seas of Life				Miami Animal Police				The Most Extreme				Foiled by Nature				
	BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Chamillionaire. (N)		Hell Date (N)		"Truth Be Told" (2002, Suspense) Regina King, Craig Sheffer.				Girlfriends				Girlfriends				Take the Cake (Live)								
	Bravo		Top Chef "Restaurant Wars"		Top Chef "Second Helping"		Top Chef "Chef Overboard"		Top Chef "Snacks on a Plane"		Top Chef "Manhattan Project" (N)		Tim Gunn's Guide to Style														
	Comedy		(5:00) ★★ "The Last Shot" (2004)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show		Colbert Report		Mind of Mencia		South Park		South Park		S. Silverman		Daily Show		Colbert Report						
	Court		World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking				Forensic Files (N)		LA Forensics (N)		Haunting Evid.		Psychic Detect		Psychic Detect		Psychic Detect						
	Discovery		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made		How It's Made		MythBusters		MythBusters "Hindenburg Mystery"		Build It Bigger "High Risk Tower" (N)				Cash Cab: After Dark (N)										
	DISCH		Code Blue		Impact: Stories of Survival				Trauma: Life in the ER "Speed Fever"				Plastic Surgery: Before and After				Big Medicine Excess skin.				Trauma: Life in the ER "Speed Fever"						
	Disney		Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	★★ "Bob the Butler" (2005) Tom Green.				American Drgn				That's So Raven		Life With Derek		Zack & Cody		Hannah Montana						
	E!		Next Top Model: True Story		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Dr. 90210 "Reinvention"				Dr. 90210 "Regeneration Gap"				Fashion Police				E! News		Chelsea Lately						
	FX		★★ "Hide and Seek" (2005, Suspense) Robert De Niro, Dakota Fanning.		★★ "Man of the House" (2005, Comedy) Tommy Lee Jones. Premiere.		Designed to Sell	Get It Sold		Deserving Design		Design on a Dime		House Hunters		House Worth?		Bought & Sold		What's-House?							
	HGTV		Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children.								The 700 Club												
	Family		8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life	Modern Marvels: Batteries (N)								Lost Worlds The Wild West. (N)				UFO Files: Deep Sea UFOs				Kings of the Stone Age				
	History		Maneaters Lions.		Modern Marvels: Paint		Modern Marvels: Batteries (N)		Lost Worlds The Wild West. (N)				UFO Files: Deep Sea UFOs				Kings of the Stone Age										
	Lifetime		Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba "Sister Act"		Reba		"Eight Days to Live" (2006, Drama) Kelly Rowan.				Will & Grace				Will & Grace								
	MTV		Newport Harb	Newport Harb	Life of Ryan	Life of Ryan	The Hills		The Hills		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		Newport Harb		Life of Ryan		The Hills						
	NICK		Zoey 101	Ned's School	iCarly Dance clips.	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh		SpongeBob		Home Improve.		Home Improve.		George Lopez		George Lopez		Fresh Prince		Fresh Prince						
	SCI FI		Stargate SG-1 "The Other Guys"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Paranormal activity.				Ghost Hunters "Grey Lady Haunting"				Ghost Hunters "Toxic House"				Ghost Hunters World War II battleship.								
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TNT		Law & Order "Mega"	(DVS)	Law & Order "Magnet"				(DVS)	Law & Order "Veteran's Day"				Law & Order "Patient Zero"				Law & Order "Ghosts"				(DVS)	Cold Case "Who's Your Daddy?"					
USA		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent					Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				Law & Order: Criminal Intent										
VH1		Caught on Tape		Young, Rich and Out of Control				★★ "Next Friday" (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, Justin Pierce.				Hip Hop Videos: Sexploit				VH1 Goes Inside "Cops"											
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	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball				Countdown With Keith Olbermann				MSNBC Live With Dan Abrams				Inv: Tattoos! Skin Deep				The Untouchable Robert Durst trial.							
MOVIES	AMC	(5:15) ★★★★★ "Vertigo" (1958, Suspense) James Stewart, Kim Novak. 'PG'		★★★ "Marnie" (1964) Tippi Hedren. A woman's complex life turns her into a compulsive thief.				(4:45) ★★ "Frenzy" (1972, Suspense) Jon Finch. 'R'																			
	TCM	★★★ "Au Revoir, Les Enfants" (1987, Drama) Gaspard Manesse. 'PG'		★★★ "Blackboard Jungle" (1955, Drama) Glenn Ford. 'NR'				(DVS)				★★★ "The Trouble With Angels" (1966, Comedy) Rosalind Russell. 'PG'															
	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Hope Floats" (1998)		★★ "The Lake House" (2006) Keanu Reeves. 'PG'				Making Tell Me				Alive Day Memories: Home From Iraq				Inside the NFL (N)				Real Time With Bill Maher							
	MAX	Conspiracy	★ "The Marine" (2006) Josh Hutcherson.	★ "The Professional" (1994, Crime Drama) Jean Reno.				★ "R'				★★ "Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny" (2006)				★ "Naked Surrender											
	SHOW	(5:45) ★★ "The Third Wheel" (2002)		(:15) ★★ "Dangerous Minds" (1995) Michelle Pfeiffer. iTV.				R'				Californication				Weeds (iTV)				★★ "American Gun" (2005) Donald Sutherland. iTV. 'R'				Xtreme Combat			
	TMC	(4:50) American	(:25) ★★ "Caveman" (1981, Comedy) Ringo Starr. 'PG'		★★★ "Hustle & Flow" (2005, Drama) Terrence Howard.				R'				"Drop Dead Sexy" (2004, Comedy) Jason Lee. 'R'				★★ Americano										
	STARZ!	(5:40) ★ "Zoom" (2006) Tim Allen.		(:15) ★★ "The Shaggy Dog" (2006, Comedy) Tim Allen.				★ "PG'				★★ "Click" (2006, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kate Beckinsale.				★ "PG-13"				(10:50) ★★ "Dark Water" (2005)							
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★ "Zathura" (2005, Adventure) Josh Hutcherson.		★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith. Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships.				★★ "Batman Forever" (1995) Val Kilmer. 'PG-13'																			

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Airports are working to meet the growing demand for outlets

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Across the country, airports are trying to bring precious energy to millions of travelers who rely on a plethora of battery-powered devices.

It may not be as glamorous as wireless Internet access, but in a year of unprecedented airline delays and cancellations, free, easy electrical access helps make terminal time more productive and less stressful.

At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, officials have been exploring several ways to pipe in more electricity.

Initially, the airport charged travelers a few dollars to juice up. But it quickly became apparent that unlike wireless Internet, people weren't willing to pay for electricity, said Ken Buchanan,

DFW's vice president of revenue management

"It's like a water fountain," he said. "The expectation is there."

Two freestanding "charging kiosks" located near the DFW's heavily used train system in terminals A and B are the airport's most recent experiments.

Installed a few weeks ago, each kiosk has four seating areas equipped with a small desk and an electrical outlet. In addition, the kiosks have Ethernet plugs that tap into the facility's free Internet connection.

Buchanan said the need is particularly big at airports like DFW, which handles 60 million passengers annually — more than 80 percent of them gadget-toting business travelers. The Dallas-Fort Worth area is a business magnet and home to dozens of Fortune 500 companies.

"When we built terminals at the airport 30 or 40 years ago, your power was limited. As long as you had a place to plug in the vacuum cleaner, that met your needs," Buchanan said. Now, he explained, "these companies want their employees to stay connected at all times."

At Dallas Love Field, Southwest Airlines Co. is experimenting with charging stations at

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CHARGED: Travelers surf the Internet at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

At DFW, Samsung Telecommunications America struck a deal with the airport to install Samsung-branded charging lounges, which are free to travelers.

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TIM SEVERNS, TRAVELER

waits for connecting flights.

"It's really hard to fight for the outlets, so a place like this, there's outlets on the floor, there's Internet. It's a great resource," he said. "It's a poor man's admiral's club."

The reception to the free power has been overwhelming, Samsung spokesman Kim Titus said.

"I was out at L.A. for the opening day dedication, and people were bumping me out of the way to get in and get at those before we could dedicate them," he said.

MATT SLAGLE (AP)

Power to the People

three gates. Instead of a kiosk, Southwest's prototype charging stations include a counter area at

each gate where travelers can plug in and juice up while waiting to board, McInnis said.

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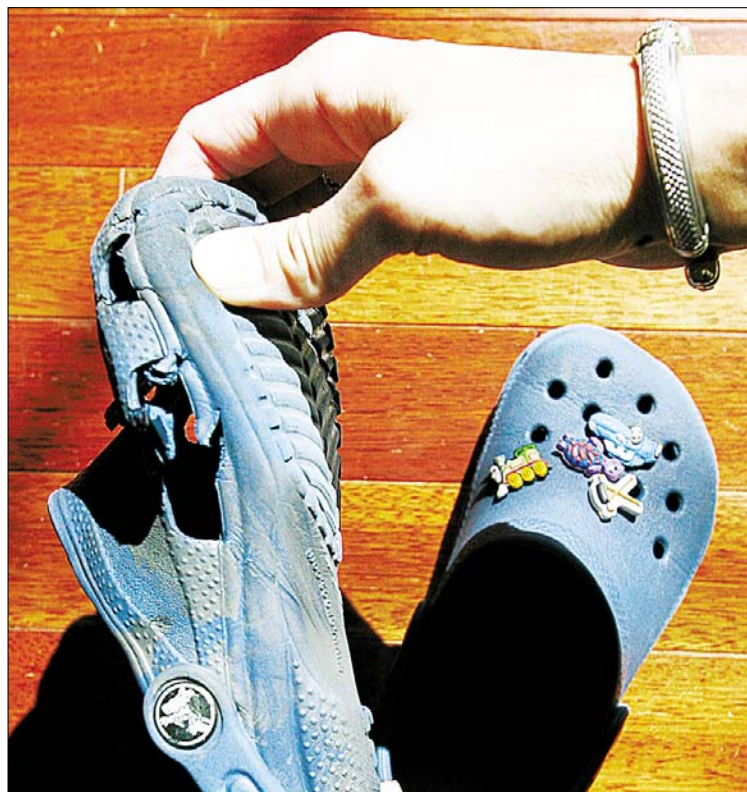
Transit Safety

Escalator injuries raise concerns about soft-soled footwear

At rail stations and shopping malls around the world, reports are popping up of people, particularly young children, getting their toes caught in escalators. The one common theme seems to be the clunky soft-soled clogs known by the name of the most popular brand, Crocs.

Metrorail — one of the nation's largest subway systems — has even posted ads warning riders about wearing such shoes on its moving stairways.

Four-year-old Rory McDermott got a Croc-clad foot caught in an escalator last month at a mall in Northern Virginia. His mother managed to yank him free, but the nail on his big toe was almost completely ripped off, causing heavy bleeding.



Jodi McDermott's son hurt his foot on an escalator while wearing these Croc shoes.

At first, Rory's mother had no idea what caused the boy's foot to get caught. It was only later, when

someone at the hospital remarked on Rory's shoes, that she began to suspect the Crocs and did an Inter-

“Would I wear them? No. And I tell my children not to wear them, either.”

DAVE LACOSSE, METRO OFFICIAL

net search.

“I came home and typed in ‘Croc’ and ‘escalator,’ and all these stories came up,” said Jodi McDermott, of Vienna, Va. “If I had known, those would never have been worn.”

According to reports appearing across the United States and as far away as Singapore and Japan, entrapments occur because of two of the biggest selling points of shoes like Crocs: their flexibility and grip. Some report the shoes get caught in the “teeth” at the bottom or top of the escalator, or in the crack between the steps and the side of the escalator.

The reports of serious injuries have all involved young children. Crocs are commonly worn by chil-

dren as young as 2.

In Singapore, a 2-year-old girl wearing rubber clogs — it's unclear which brand — had her big toe completely ripped off in an escalator accident last year, according to local media reports.

Crocs Inc. said it does not keep records of the reasons for customer service calls. But the company said it is aware of “very few” problems relating to accidents involving the shoes, which are made of a soft, synthetic resin.

“Thankfully, escalator accidents like the one in Virginia are rare,” the company said in a statement.

During the past two years, so-called “shoe entrapments” in the Washington subway have gone from being relatively rare to happening four or five times per week in the summer, though none has caused serious injuries, said Dave Lacosse, who oversees the subway's 588 escalators.

Lacosse and other escalator experts say the best way to prevent shoe entrapments is to face the direction the stairs are moving, keep feet away from the sides and step over the teeth at the end.

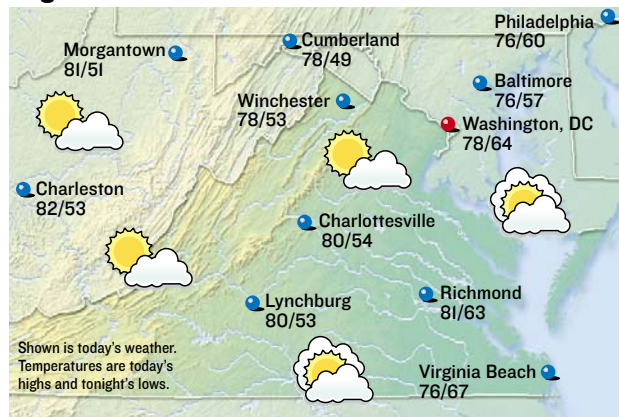
Lacosse said he is personally skittish of Crocs and other soft-soled shoes.

“Would I wear them? No,” he said. “And I tell my children not to wear them, either.” SARAH KARUSH (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly sunny	Mostly clear	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny, very warm	Sunny, warm
78°	64°	83° / 66°	84° / 70°	88° / 69°	85° / 63°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	73°
Low	55°
Normal high	79°
Normal low	61°
Average humidity	55%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.60"
Normal month to date	2.29"
Year to date	21.64"
Last year to date	34.94"
Normal year to date	28.55"

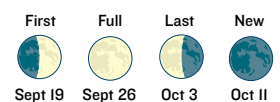
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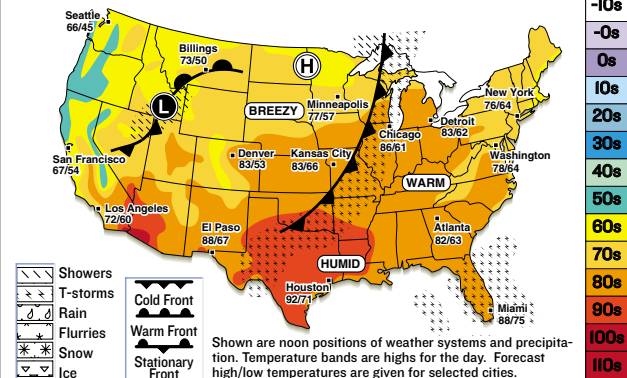
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 78. Wind east-northeast 4-8 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 64. Wind light, variable. Thursday, partly sunny.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:11 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:46 p.m.
Moonset today	11:38 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, September 19



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	82/63/pc	84/66/pc
Boston	75/56/s	80/63/s
Chicago	86/61/t	84/67/pc
Dallas	93/72/pc	93/71/s
Denver	83/53/s	85/54/s
Honolulu	89/75/pc	89/75/s
Los Angeles	72/60/pc	72/58/c
Miami	88/75/t	88/77/t
New York City	76/64/s	81/68/s
Orlando	85/72/t	89/74/r
Seattle	66/45/pc	66/53/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	59/55/c	59/54/r
Athens	84/73/s	79/71/pc
Berlin	60/47/c	61/50/r
Buenos Aires	63/48/s	64/50/pc
Calgary	49/31/r	59/35/c
Dublin	61/54/r	59/54/r
Geneva	63/40/pc	68/42/s
Moscow	66/48/pc	57/41/pc
Rome	74/60/pc	77/61/s
Sydney	69/56/pc	65/52/sh
Tokyo	81/72/pc	83/72/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

LOOKout



BRIGHT ON: Diane von Furstenberg (left), Oscar de la Renta (center) and Michael Kors (right and below) brought the noise.

Spring Brings Loud Colors

With May flowers, designers say it's time to be bold

It's going to be a bright and sunny spring, judging by the rainbow of colors previewed at New York Fashion Week.

Forget the war, forget the mortgage crisis — it's not fashion's role to tackle the weighty issues on people's minds, said Michael Kors, who presented one of the most upbeat shows of the week with models in sherbet-colored stripes bopping up and down the runway to "Xanadu."

In fact, fashion can provide a welcome distraction, one that — luckily enough — can also get shoppers in the mood to buy.

"You open the newspaper every day and it isn't necessarily filled with a lot of happy news. There's the war,

worries about the economy, the election — the list goes on and on. My reaction is that, when times are dour, you go the opposite with fashion, particularly with warm-weather fashion," Kors said. "The only way to switch your mood is to put on something that's delicious. Color becomes to be the instant mood elevator."

It wasn't just Kors' collection that overflowed with bright colors — it was most of them. Only a handful of designers, most notably Donna Karan and Calvin Klein's Francisco Costa, went in the complete opposite direction using serene, tranquil palettes. Still, though, there was little or no black, usually a staple for both.

At a time when grim news

about the economy is everywhere, color sells well at retail, noted Linda Wells, editor in chief of Allure. Walking into a store full of bright clothes may make some shoppers feel more upbeat and encourage others to spend on items that aren't already in their closets.

The grays of this fall were perhaps bound to give way to something sunnier for spring. While the fashion industry itself tends to wear black, Wells says she always packs colorful clothes for vacations.

"I feel like the grim reaper if I wear black in the summer anywhere but New York," Wells says.

There's plenty of financial incentive to introduce a bold new look when wallets are tightening. Designer Kors said the business side of his brain knows that right now consumers have enough black in their closet, so if he wants to drive sales, he has to give them something new.

"Clothes are expensive. People aren't discarding what they own. So, what don't you have? Not a lot of colorful clothes," he explained. While Kors and Cynthia Steffe had the candy colors, BCBG had the softer hues of pink and peach. Diane von Furstenberg highlighted tropical tones, and Carolina Herrera and Oscar de la Renta did beautiful reds.

"You saw color in different ways," said Candy Pratts Price, executive fashion director of Style.com. "Marc Jacobs' color was beyond gorgeous salmon, turquoise, red, and at Oscar [de la Renta], you saw a red column strapless dress. It was gorgeous, the way it fell when she walked. ... It was just the right red."

It's true that all the uncertainty in the world might have driven the move toward a cheerful antidote, but mostly the designers are following their gut feeling of what the public wants next, she said. "Remember," she added, "designers are making requests from fabric mills long in advance."

Pratts Price thinks the love affair with brighter colors was just in the air.

"It might have to do a bit with all the gray this fall, but I think this is more about what happens in fashion: an eruption," she said. "This time it was an eruption of color."

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Food



How 'Bout Them?

When it comes Granny Smiths, we're usually a hand-to-mouth sort of chomper. Calphalon's **EASY-GRIP APPLE DIVIDER** (\$10, Calphalon.com) and **APPLE CORER WITH PLUNGER** (\$10, above) were temptingly fancy, however. The former's rubber-coated handles transformed our Golden Delicious into eight perfect wedges with one swift downward press. And trust us: We don't have much arm power. The corer with plunger (not the term we would have chosen) was even more brutally efficient. Instead of struggling, we gutted the fruit with one quick push- and-pull motion.

KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

Skin Care



Mixed-Up Potion

Trust a cosmetics company to turn a recipe for salad dressing into an anti-aging product. **CLARINS DOUBLE SERUM GENERATION 6 EXTRA-FIRMING BOTANICAL INTENSIVE CARE** (\$90 for 1 oz., Clarins.com) dispenses two formulas, one water-based and the other oil-based, which you blend together before application. For those younger than 40, it's meant as an occasional boost; women over 40 are told to apply it daily. The stuff was hydrating, and the epoxy-style bottle cool, but intermittent use produced no miracles. And the heavy scent makes it unfriendly to the sensitive-nosed. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

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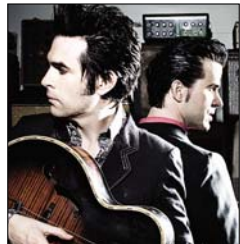

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MUSIC

Grease Fire

Jon Spencer's latest take on primal music, Heavy Trash, is a greasy rockabilly collaboration with Matt Verta-Ray. Spencer spoke to Express contributor Katherine Silkaitis about his latest blues explosion before his new band blows up the Rock and Roll Hotel on Wednesday. | [COMING UP](#)



FIT

Jumping Back in Time

If you've been looking for a legitimate reason to pair your old leg warmers with a side ponytail, Bally Total Fitness has exactly your event. This month, every local location is celebrating the spandex-clad workouts of the '80s—and at least one has rolled out a disco ball. Express' Vicky Hallett reports. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

ENTERTAINMENT

Heavy Mental

Finntroll's mix of metal, myth and humppa (polka) music bangs the heads of young and old alike. (Imagine the Pogues playing death metal.) Guitarist Skrymer told Express' Christopher Porter what to drink while listening to Finntroll, which plays Jaxx on Wednesday. | [COMING UP](#)



comment board

“Universal health care for everyone is a joke. Just take a look at Canada, where hospitals shut down because the government can't afford to keep so many open.”

COMMENTER JOHN, WHO ADDED, “THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, BUT TOO MUCH IMPROVEMENT COULD RUIN IT.”

“I've had periods of being uninsured, and nothing's scarier than the prospect of an accident or sudden illness while uninsured.”

COMMENTER DANIELLE, WHO ADDED, “THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING IN PLACE TO ENSURE ALL AMERICANS CAN SEE A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WHEN THEY ARE ILL.”



“It's too expensive, and the vast majority of folks who need it won't maintain it. The project would leave this country in a position where it could not afford to protect itself when the time comes.”

COMMENTER HB, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “DO YOU THINK AMERICANS WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITH A UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM?”

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

DO YOU THINK AMERICANS WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITH A UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM?

YES 68%

NO 32%

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Blog LOG

“I suppose they could have subdued him the old-fashioned way: ... with a billy club. [B]ut ... that would have gone over even more poorly.”

A COMMENTER AT [WIZBANGBLOG.COM](http://wizbangblog.com) THINKS POLICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA WERE RIGHT TO TASER A STUDENT AFTER HE TRIED TO QUESTION SEN. JOHN KERRY AT A FORUM.



“[Elisabeth Hasselbeck] is only 30 years old but wants to have views and opinions like she's been on Earth for 50 to 60 years.”

A [GOTHAMIST.COM](http://gothamist.com) COMMENTER REACTS TO BARRY MANILOW'S BACKING OUT OF AN APPEARANCE ON “THE VIEW” BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE INTERVIEWED BY HASSELBECK, PICTURED AT FAR RIGHT.



“IT'S KIND OF SAD watching the faces of some of the biggest gods in rock 'n roll melt from too much Botox and plastic surgery. It just doesn't seem very anarchistic.”

[CITYRAG.BLOGS.COM](http://cityrag.blogs.com) SAYS AGING ROCKERS LIKE OZZY OSBOURNE LOOK STRANGE WITH PLASTIC SURGERY AND OTHER FACE MODIFICATIONS.

“THIS GENTLEMAN had his eyes closed, yet he was not sleeping. Nor was he trying to relax. Rather he was squeezing his eyes tightly shut.”

[WASTEDTOWN.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://wastedtown.blogspot.com) SPOTTED AN ODD FELLOW RIDING THE BLUE LINE.

“WHILE THIS RACE isn't a gimme for the Democrats, it is by far the party's best pickup opportunity outside of open-seat races. ... And if the [National Republican Senatorial Committee] does go big in New Hampshire, I'm not sure where it's going to find the money to play [elsewhere].”

[MYDD.COM](http://mydd.com) SAYS THAT WITH STRAINED REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOURCES, THE DEMOCRATS' CHANCES OF DEFEATING N.H. SEN. JOHN SUNUNU ARE PRETTY GOOD.

Discussions

O.J. Simpson

Washington Post opinion columnist **EUGENE ROBINSON** was online Tuesday to discuss his latest columns, including one on O.J. Simpson's latest arrest.

Isn't it possible that O.J. likes adulation so much he confuses vilification and incarceration with adulation? Also, do you know legally whether something said to Larry King can be used against you in court? (One of the defendants' attorneys weirdly kept saying he would only say it to Larry King.)

I think it is possible — even probable — that O.J. is such a narcissist that he can't live without attention, good or bad. And while I appreciate Larry King's long and illustrious career in television, I shudder to think of him having some sort of official role in our criminal justice system.

O.J. does have some sort of point; how could he expect to get away with armed robbery? Also, he can't be the first person in the world to try to “rescue” his own property. What normally happens in a “property rescue” case?

It depends at least in part on what action is taken to effect the “rescue.” I'm sure the law would prefer

that the offended party contact the police. Maybe he figured the guys who had the memorabilia would never report it because they'd have to explain how it came into their possession in the first place.

With topics like Iraq, and gay marriage, I don't give a flying fart about O.J. His story ranks 143,789th on my list of important things.

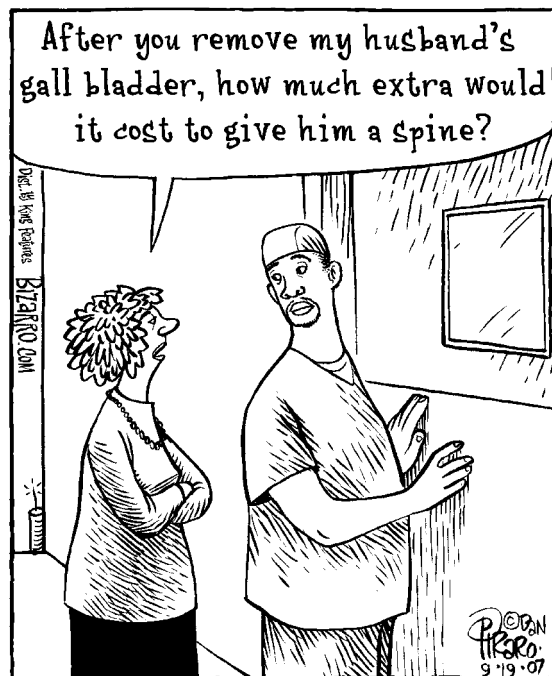
But a compelling story — a narrative, with interesting characters and surprising plot twists and all that — has great power.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

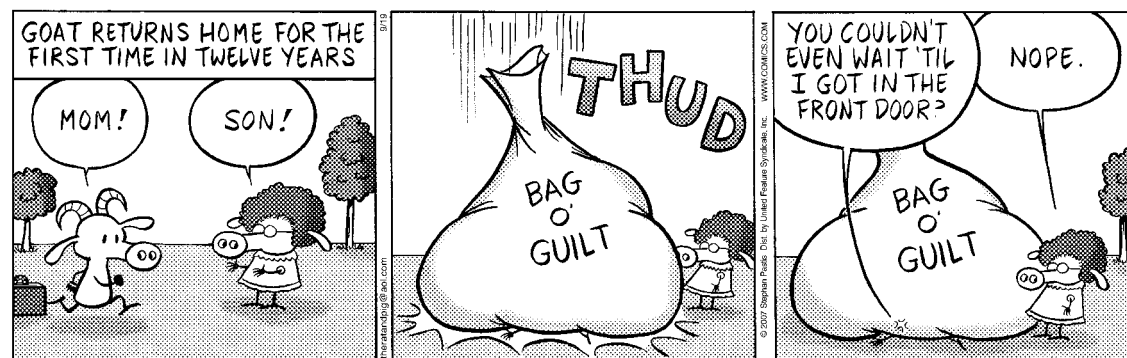
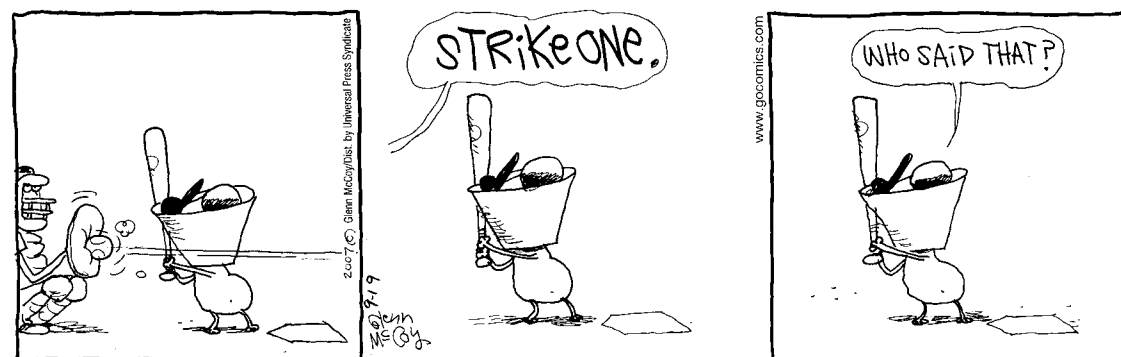
Washington Post soccer writer Steven Goff logs in live from China to chat about the Women's World Cup at 11:30 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

DO

GET READY TO SAVE ENERGY, VIRGINIA. Dominion Virginia has asked the Virginia State Corporation Commission for permission to create programs to test energy efficiency and to offer energy-saving lightbulbs at a reduced price. The efforts will begin in early 2008 and continue through 2009.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may feel you are being sluggish in your decisions at this time. Not so. You are taking care to be unhurried and thorough in all things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A little rest and relaxation can work wonders for you. See if you can't combine a little work and a lot of pleasure for maximum payoff.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Concentrate on long-range goals — but realize you won't be able to get everything done all at once. Make progress step by step.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) That which begins slowly is likely to surprise you in the end, heating up to be quite an adventure in many ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have to convince someone close to you that you are on the right track, and it must be admitted that you aren't your usual confident self.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have trouble living up to each and every

standard you have set for yourself. Some rules may have to be bent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You will wake with a strong sense of anticipation — and something big is waiting on the horizon. It's just a matter of getting there.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll be given a chance to plumb the depths of your true feelings. The beneficiary of your efforts will surely appreciate you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take care you're not making too much out of what is really only a passing fancy. You don't want to risk that which really matters, do you?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What appears most difficult may prove to be nothing more than a shadow — but you will find difficulty, in fact, where you least expect it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Whether in or out of the home, you can perform well under pressure. Surround yourself with those who are most supportive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have been putting too much emphasis on your own affairs at this time, avoiding altogether the issues you and a loved one must work on.

Letters

Don't Forget the Divas

I FOUND THE article "Jersey Girls" (LookOut, Sept. 19) to be interesting. However, I was surprised to see that the local team called the D.C. Divas was not mentioned

in the story. I have played for the Divas for seven years. We won the national championship last year and have had several other successful seasons recently. One of the reasons we struggle each year to become profitable is that there isn't enough local press.

—GAYLE A. DILLA
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1796 President George Washington's farewell address is published. In it, the nation's first chief executive writes, "Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all."

1881 The 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, dies two months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur becomes president.

1934 Bruno Hauptmann is arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

1959 Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacts angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he would not be allowed to visit Disneyland.

1960 Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checks out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management; Castro accepted an invitation to stay at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem, instead.

1986 Federal health officials announce that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

LOOK out People



Brad's hat can deflect crazy waves.

MUSINGS

Deranged, Violent Stalkers To Be Avoided — Probably

BRAD PITT says he's mindful of the potential dangers that come with fame. "It's something that I want to be aware of and be cautious about," he said. "There are imbalanced people out there. I've had break-ins in the house. ... I've had some of these abnormal incidents that can be a bit frightening." (AP)

LAME HONORS

He Wanted an Airport



A stretch of 53rd Street at Eighth Avenue in New York has been renamed for **JERRY ORBACH**, who died in 2004.

Orbach's widow unveiled the new street sign at a ceremony attended by actors including Richard Belzer and Robert Klein. (AP)



JAC. HONG/AP

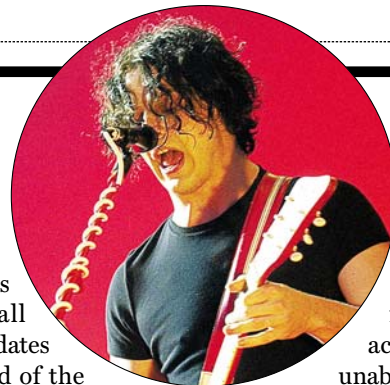
GREAT TIMING

If He Planned It ...

With **O.J. SIMPSON** in jail on charges of robbery and other felonies, the alleged murder confessional "If I Did It" is getting a second printing of 50,000 copies. "The arrest brought the whole question of O.J. and the law back into everybody's consciousness," said Beaufort Books owner Eric Kampmann.

BUSY 'Real World' Marathons Just Can't Be Missed

The White Stripes have canceled all remaining tour dates through the end of the year, including fall dates in Britain. "They thank you for your understanding and well wishes," said a posting on the duo's Web site. **JACK WHITE** and Meg White had previously canceled their Septem-



"Ever since we got the TiVo, we simply can't move."

ber shows, saying, "Meg White is suffering from acute anxiety and is unable to travel at this time." Spokeswoman Chloe Walsh said she had no further comment on the tour cancellation and White's illness. Ticket holders can get refunds at the point of purchase, the Web site said. (AP)

SAID THE JUDGE ... 'Who's This Guy? Can HE Take the Kids? No? Get Out'

A former bodyguard for Britney Spears went to court to support a sealed declaration about Spears' questionable behavior, but never got to testify. **TONY BARRETTO**, 28, arrived Monday, but the judge presiding over



the child-custody case held only a brief open session before clearing the room. "We are shocked that Ms. Spears' attorneys chose not to cross-examine our client," said his lawyer. (AP)

LIES 'Mommy's TV Show Is All About Gardening'

MARY-LOUISE PARKER has adopted a baby girl from Africa, her spokeswoman confirmed to People.com. Parker, 43, has a 3-year-old son, Will, with ex-boyfriend Billy Crudup. The actress stars on Showtime's offbeat comedy "Weeds" as a newly widowed mother of two who starts selling marijuana. (AP)



When Mary-Louise is sufficiently airbrushed, she looks like Anne Hathaway!



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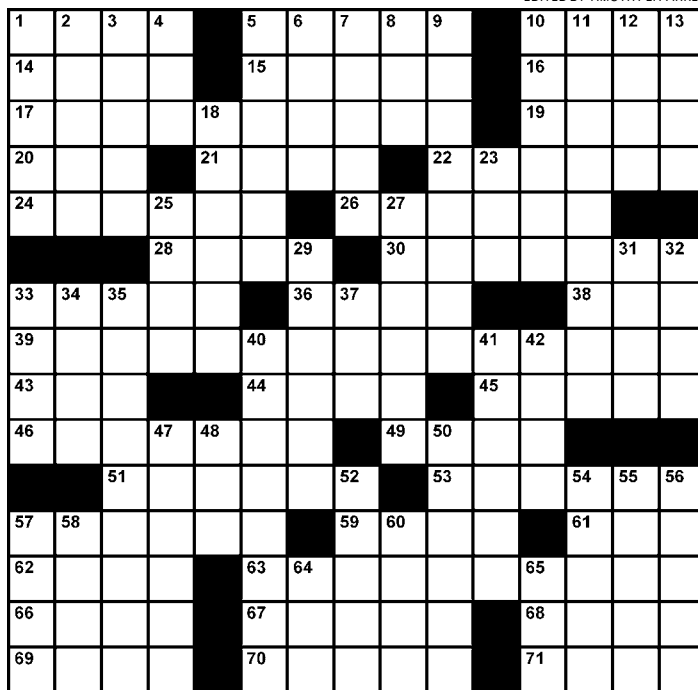
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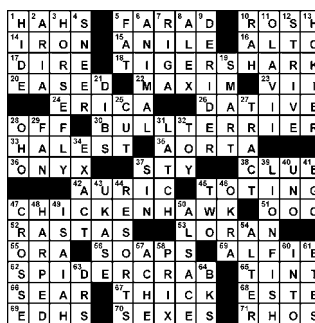


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Yesterday's Solution



SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su/doku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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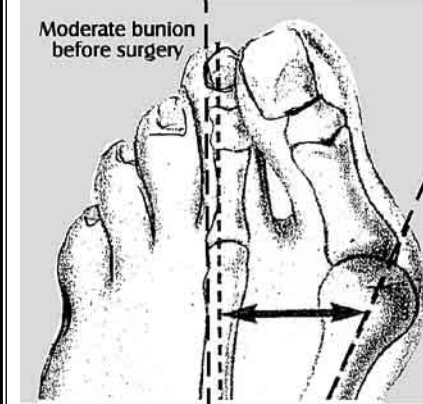
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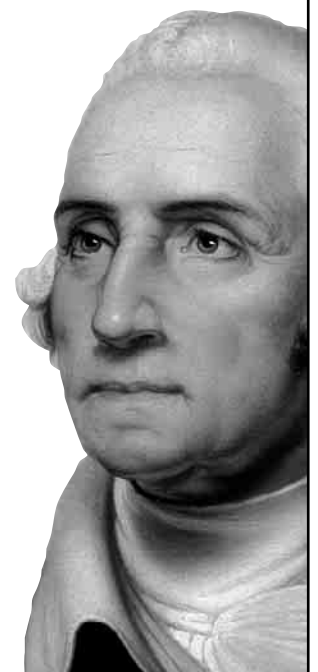
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MUG SHOOTER: Bob Simko, manager and "beertender" at Fell's Point tavern Max's on Broadway, can serve you one of 600 types of cold brews, from a Baltimore-made India Pale Ale to a rich, creamy Russian stout.

Hit the Ale Trail

A trio of Charm City spots where the staff pours or brews up tasty beers

IT'S A BRIGHT, sea-breezy Saturday in Baltimore's Fell's Point. So, why are so many people bellied up to the neon-lit bar inside Max's on Broadway (737 S Broadway; 410-675-6297)? It's the beer list, stupid. There are more than 72 different brewskis on tap and 500 in bottles at this memorabilia-filled

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“BALTIMORE HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A WORKING-CLASS TOWN. SO, DRINKING BEER WAS ALWAYS A PART OF THE MENTALITY.” **BOB SIMKO, BARTENDER**

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In Baltimore, spots serving good ales and stouts range from Victorian pretty (Mount Vernon's Brewer's Art) to slightly gritty (Fell's Point's Max's on Broadway).

Charm City Brews

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tavern, which means Max's can rightfully claim to have the greatest selection of beers in Maryland — and one of the largest on the East Coast.

"It's what we do," say bartender-manager Bob Simko, pouring a bottle of locally made, tongue-chappingly hoppy Clipper City India Pale Ale in a glass. "Baltimore has traditionally been a working-class town. So, drinking beer was always part of the mentality."

A spikey-haired, earring-wearing dude who could be Joey Ramone's long-lost brother, Simko's just one in a long line of barkeeps who have been keeping Baltimoreans well-aled since the 1700s. "From the 1930s through the 1950s, there was bar on every corner pouring beer," says Simko. And while the hometown cold one, National Bohemian (Natty Boh), is now made in North Carolina, Charm City, with its wealth of brewpubs and beer joints, still ranks high with suds studs.

Fell's Point, traditional drinking ground of sailors in colonial times (and frat boys now), makes an intoxicating starting point for any hophead tour. At Max's, walls decorated with old Natty Boh signs and dartboards set the scene for a daunting brewski list. Should you guzzle a tart, raspberry-powered Lindenman's Framboise from

Belgium or a heavy Harviestouns Old Engine Oil from England? Pick your poison using a cheat sheet listing each beer's country of origin and alcohol percentage — higher numbers often mean a stronger-tasting pint, like, say, a chocolatey Avery Czar Imperial Stout. "We've got a lot of hopheads," says Simko, referring to folks who crave such highly flavored, high-octane brews.

Nearby, one of two local Wharf Rat pubs serves Baltimore-made Oliver's English Ales. Though the other branch, near Camden Yards, is where these British-style concoctions are born, many fans prefer to drink in this low-ceilinged, atmospheric joint (801 S. Anne St.).

Inside the slope-roofed brick building dating to the 1790s, tables are embedded with vintage postage stamps, a wooden mermaid hangs behind the bar, and old glass lanterns dangle from the ceiling. You almost expect pirates to come in and hijack the pool table — until you hear the jukebox blaring.

Brews at the Rat do seem old-school. The down-at-pub potions, made by British brewer Steve Jones, include dark, malty 3 Lions Ale and dry, smooth Ironman Pale Ale. "We import all our malt and hops from England," says Jones. "And I can put my hand on my heart and say these are authentic English recipes." There's Chesapeake food here, too. But the real appeal is the golden-to-dark brown liquids coming from the



SOUVENIRS: KITSCHY CATCHES



(1) A Natty Boh T-shirt shows love of local beer. (\$18, Hometown Girl, 1001 W 36th St.; 410-662-4438) (2) Pulp novel cover art lights up a candle. (\$12, 9th Life, 1618 Thames St.; 410-564-9999) (3) Doorstop? Bookend? A brick duded up as a Charm City house (other designs, too) has many uses. (\$25, 2910 on the Square, 2910 O'Donnell St.; 410-675-8505) (4) A crab shell painted to look like a hon (a B-more babe) can hang on a Christmas tree or car mirror. (Razzo, \$12, 911 W 36th St.; 410-948-6062)

taps. And at \$4 for three 10-ounce beers, swigging here's a steal.

The drinks and grub go swanky across town in Mount Vernon at the Brewer's Art (1106 N Charles St.; 410-547-6925), a Belgian brewery and restaurant in a 1901 rowhouse. With its wooden moldings and stained glass, the main bar and dining room could have been stolen from "The Age of Innocence." "I haven't seen too many other brewpubs that look like this," says Tom Creegan, one of the owners. "We got really lucky."

Brewer's Art crafts its Belgian-style beers in big copper vats on the main level in what was "probably the conservatory" says Creegan. They're then fermented in a cold, spotless basement below. Elixirs vary in style and taste. "There's so much you can do with Belgian beer, so much experimentation," he says. "You can play with the yeast." Brewer's Art's top-seller? Dark, dry Resurrection. Another good bet: smooth, potent Cerberus Tripel.

The folks at Brewer's Art spend lots of time thinking about cuisine, too. Forget wings and nachos. Chef John "Tip" Carter, a Southern boy, injects Euro dishes with down-home touches: greens with ale-steamed mussels, chicken with peach chutney. The rosemary garlic fries alone are worth the drive up I-95.

Across town in Canton, the National Bohemian factory was long ago converted into offices. But on the top of the building, the beer's mascot, mustached dandy Mr. Boh, still stares out at the boozy city he once ruled. He's smiling, maybe because he knows that, come happy hour (or, heck, noon) there's still lots of beer here for him to gulp.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



COBBLED TOGETHER: Everyone can find something to love in Fell's Point's mix of shops, restaurants and galleries. Get there via Water Taxi or the Waterfront Promenade.

Fell's Point Beyond the Buzz

The nightlife-mad neighborhood also hops with history, art and cool shops

Beers at the Horse You Came In On. Tequila shots at Bertha's Mussels. The number of things to imbibe and places to drink in Fell's Point make it clear that the point here, for many years, was to get hammered.

And you can still do that quite easily along the quaint cobblestone

streets (see story, page E1) of this neighborhood just a few steps from the Baltimore Harbor.

But to see this former stomping ground of sailors in a new light, start your tour at 9 a.m. instead of 9 p.m. A little sun and sobriety makes the place seem almost respectable — just don't tell the yuppies moving into the trendy condos that trashy director John Waters filmed "Pink Flamingos" and "Female Trouble" in the 'hood back in its down-and-dirty days.

No morning can truly begin here

without a sugar rush at Bonaparte Breads (903 S Ann St., 410-342-4000). Perhaps you've sampled its flaky almond croissants, decadent fruit tarts and creamy quiches at farmer's markets in D.C., since it also hawks its wares in Dupont, Chevy Chase and Alexandria.

But instead of having your breakfast shoved into a paper bag, here you can devour a treat on a china plate in a waterfront cafe that reeks of Paris — classical music on the stereo, a giant gilded clock, pictures of pompous-looking men on

horses. And, yeah, that's a bust of Napoleon himself peering out from among the loaves of bread.

Then it's time to learn a little about Fell's Point's colorful past. After all, this area was Maryland's first National Historic District. (Though it wasn't until a decade after it snagged that designation in 1969 that the city finally gave up plans to destroy the neighborhood by demolishing it to build the East-West Expressway.)

Since the 18th century, folks here have built ships, an industry show-

cased at the Fell's Point Maritime Museum (adults \$4, children \$3; 1724 Thames St., 410-732-0278), where the Maryland Historical Society packs two rooms full of photos and facts. Find out how Baltimore developed its famed clipper schooner and how the speedy

Baltimore becomes Paris when you take a bite of a flaky croissant at Bonaparte Breads.

vessels popular for international trade were often used for nefarious purposes, like transporting slaves and opium. History buffs may be surprised by what the museum has dug up — you'll impress your friends rattling off facts about the U.S.-France "Quasi War" of 1798.

With that base of knowledge, you're ready to head over to the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Meyers Maritime Park and Museum (\$5 adults, \$4 children; 1417 Thames St., 410-685-0295), which just celebrated its first anniversary. The gorgeous building combines the oldest standing industrial structure on the Baltimore Harbor (the red brick "Sugar House," circa 1810) with an ultra-mod glass wing, so you may want to spend a few minutes outside just gawking. There's also a lovely water view and a giant sculpture of Frederick Douglass' head.

Inside, the museum is even more impressive. A hands-on mission means no one just wanders around reading plaques to find out more about the famous abolitionist and the lesser-known, but equally accomplished, Myers (he started the Chesapeake Marine

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Railway and Dry Dock company, the largest African-American owned business in the U.S. at the time). Instead, every group of visitors gets a docent who leads them in various activities.

Stand on a wobbly boat deck to relive Douglass' experience as he sailed from an Eastern Shore plantation to Baltimore as a child. Practice caulking, the skill that Douglass perfected while working in the shipyards. Best of all, visit the shipbuilding workshop in the basement of the old brick building, where you can watch craftspeople working on projects like a 6-foot quarter boat meant for the USS Constellation.

Still enjoying your dose of time travel? Then head back along the water to the Robert Long House and Gardens (812 S Ann St., 410-675-6750). Even in a neighborhood of historic properties, it stands out because it's been around the longest

— about 240 years. In fact, it's the city's oldest surviving residence. The Preservation Society has fixed it up with colonial trappings to appear as it did when Long, an affluent merchant and entrepreneur, resided there. Tours are offered daily at 1 and 2:30 p.m. (\$3).

At this point, your hunger for knowledge should be overwhelmed by a hunger for lunch. Get a sandwich fix at Café Latteda (1704 Aliceanna St., 410-342-7474), and then eat it while sinking into a cozy couch. Or calm your caffeine craving at the Daily Grind (1720 Thames St., 410-558-0399), a coffeehouse set in a former stable.

For a more worldly bite, try Ze Mean Bean (1739 Fleet St., 410-675-5999). Dishes at the Eastern European-theme eatery include the Zubrowka crab cake sandwich flavored with vodka and layered with sliced beets and Polish ogorki remoulade (a pickle spread) on ciabatta. If you end up at the Bean on a weekend evening instead of midday, you'll get a side of live music



DINING DICTATE: You must try the yummy rolls and pastries at Bonaparte Breads.

with your meal.

Walk off the grub by kicking off a shopping spree. Sure, there are still the tacky secondhand clothing stores Fell's Point is well-known for. Want to check out the ultimate vintage clothing den? Killer Trash (602 S Broadway, 410-675-2449) is the place for anything spangly or Hawaiian.

But more refined goods also abound. For example, visit Maja (1744 Aliceanna St., 410-327-9499). Owner Mary Butler takes her mission of collecting interesting tidbits from around the world very seriously. While Malian music plays in the background, shoppers can browse through hand-blown glass vases, Christmas ornaments from Mozambique, Indian incense and a wide collection of carved beads and jewelry.

Maureen Callahan of Alexandria popped into the store on a whim on a recent Friday. "I never spend this kind of money," she admitted as she binged on a necklace, earrings and a suit made of textured silk.



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A Douglass-Myers Museum display teaches about pulleys and boat assembly.

For home decor, it's hard to beat the vast Eclectic Elements (813 S Broadway, 410-675-5105). Its seemingly endless rooms of merch hold everything from beds and dining room sets to beaded geckos, toothbrush holders and bottles of gourmet olive oil. Then go eco-chic at BlueHouse (1407 Fleet St., 877-276-1180) — it also boasts a café if you're still feeling peckish. And mod designs await a few blocks away at Su Casa (901 S Bond St., 410-522-7010).

Hit one of the area's many art galleries to score unusual souvenirs of Charm City.

If you didn't pack perfectly, Fell's Point also offers clothing stores selling more than deck shoes and sailing jackets. Cupcake (813 S Broadway, 410-522-0941) stocks a small but impeccably edited collection of women's designer duds. Teens will dig the looks at the Big Iguana (1633 Thames St., 410-675-3231). You can even outfit your pooch at Dudley & Max (1635 Thames St., 410-522-7735).

For more unusual souvenirs, hit one of the many galleries that dot the neighborhood. The first Friday of each month brings the Fells Point Art Loop (Fellspointartloop.com), when nine galleries encourage early

evening visitors with snacks, exhibit openings and events. But if you happen to be around on another day, don't let that stop you from popping in and checking out the work.

The Robert McClintock Gallery (1809 Thames St., 410-814-2800) is one of the newest additions to Fell's Point, since the local photographer-digital painter just moved here from a smaller space in Federal Hill. He covers a wide range of subjects and places, but the Baltimore works are the show-stoppers: Hampden hons with bright pink bouffant hairdos sipping highballs out of pineapples, the Domino Sugars sign lighting up the night sky, a classic rowhouse made of gray Formstone.

Fifty local artists take turns running the desk at the Art Gallery of Fells Point (1716 Thames St., 410-327-1272), a collective with members who work in a range of media, including jewelry, sculpture, glass and painting. Scenes with Baltimore imagery are common, and the prices are quite reasonable.

Another stop on the tour is in an unexpected locale: a tattoo parlor. In addition to inking up arms, Saints and Sinners (1610 Thames St., 410-276-1300) boasts a contemporary gallery featuring artists of all stripes.

And that may be a good metaphor to explain the whole neighborhood. Fell's Point lets you have your naughty fun, but that doesn't mean you can't get a cocktail of culture at the same time.

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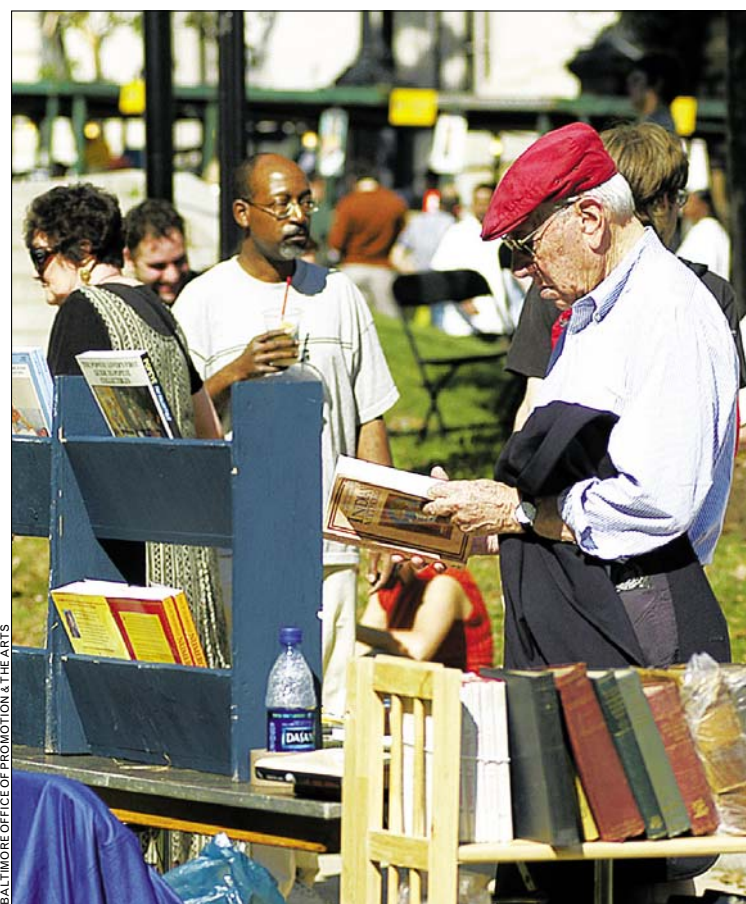
Baltimore Book Festival

Baltimore may not seem that bookish, but it is the only city with a football team name that's a literary allusion — though it's hard to imagine "Raven" poet Edgar Allen Poe in a professional football huddle. The civic slogan dubbing the place "the city that reads" gets more cred during this annual festival held in the Mount Vernon neighborhood, the cultural capital of town.

Events range from the highbrow (discussions of post-revolutionary Iran with author Roya Hakakian) and the child-centric (Roscoe Orman, better known as Gordon from "Sesame Street," on his kiddie lit) to the foodie focused (a talk about the cookbook "Mastering the Grill," with free beer samples).

Other highlights: Tim Gunn will talk about style, Dorothy Hamill dishes the dirt on a life in ice skates, and cast members of "The Wire" will be about. There's also live music to hear and books to buy.

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PAGE-TURNERS: The Baltimore Book Festival brings bibliophiles to Mount Vernon.

SEPT. 30, 11 A.M.-7 P.M.

Street Beat Festival

Federal Hill likes to party, and it shows at this musical celebration. Admission is free, but if you want some brews while enjoying the tunes from 15 bands, you'll have to pony up. Also expect tasty food, crafty souvenirs and fun activities for the wee ones.

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Last year's get-it-for-gratis promotion was such a success that the city is at it again, letting anyone into dozens of cultural institutions without admission fees. For the month, the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park and Museum, Homewood House Museum, Streetcar Museum, Jewish Museum, USS Constellation (parked in Baltimore Harbor) and other hot spots are free.

There are also scattered complimentary events, including concerts, a night at the Visionary Art Museum, musical performances at the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and an open house Oct. 20-21 at School33 Art Center, where 190 artists have studios.

→ Freefallbaltimore.com

OCT. 19-20

Russian Festival

Real ethnic flavor abounds in Baltimore — just take a peek at Little Italy or Greektown. This weekend, though, belongs to the Russians, as they celebrate with Ukrainian dancing, folk music concerts and lots of traditional food prepared by the parishioners of the church. Never tried Marinovanye Yaichky (that's pickled eggs) or Shokoladnaya Babka (chocolate bread)? Now's your chance. Bring your wallet to load up on Russian lace, china and hand-painted Christmas ornaments.

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His Feeds & Reads

In his new book, Madison Smartt Bell feasts on the charms of B-more

In wry novels, Madison Smartt Bell has chronicled everything from slave rebellions in 18th-century Haiti to the misadventures of a country rock band in the age of Nirvana. But while his stories range far and wide, Bell's been based in Baltimore since the '80s, where he pens tomes (both fiction and non) and teaches creative writing as a professor at Goucher College.



Bell

He turns his acid-sharp pen to his adopted hometown with "Charm City: A Walk Through Baltimore" (Crown, \$17), due out Nov. 6. In the quirky travelogue, he explores lesser-known zones, from rowhouse-filled Canton to the blink-and-you'll-miss-it Front Street. But he's still not sure whether you can call him a Baltimorean, hon.

"I've only recently begun to accept that I'm a permanent resident after 25 years," he says, talking on the phone from his house in Cedarcroft. "I guess I live here. But compared to the neighbors I used to have? They were Polish and raised a big family that used to come over and eat in their backyard. They'd been here for generations and were really rooted. I belong to this class of professional people who don't live in the communities where they grew up."

Still, Bell's sly observations in the book show he's hardly a Charm City neophyte. To write it, he pounded the pavement with friends and acquaintances (he reckons he spent about 25 hours walking total), providing a man-on-the-street perspective of this checkerboard of a

city. He rambles along leafy Gwynn's Fall Trail and fast-steps through the rough 'hood around Greenmount Cemetery. Read it, and you'll get that Bell knows more about this place than he lets on.

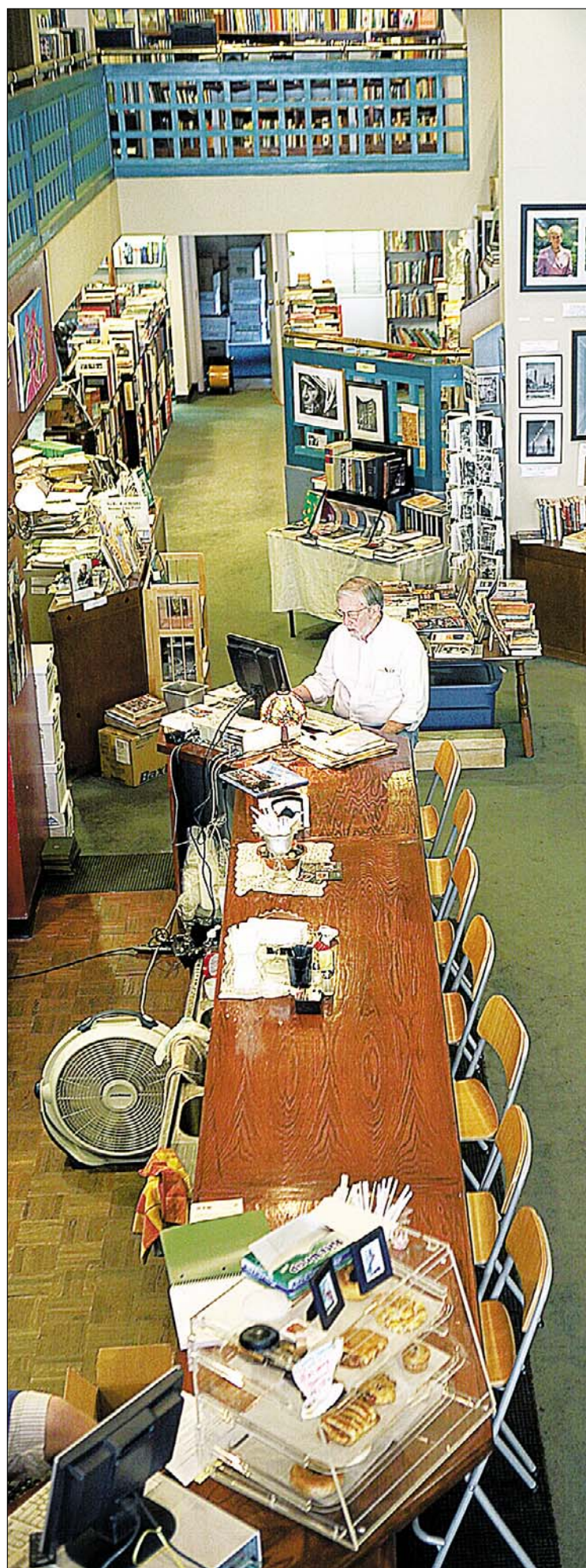
Two themes throughout "Charm City"? Bell's dismay over the city's dying indie bookstore scene and his unwavering appreciation for the town's cuisine, whether it's a cheese pie from a Highlandtown pizza joint or succulent sweetbreads at a glam Argentinean supper club near the Inner Harbor. So, where does he feed his brain and belly?

When Bell's seeking a good read, he often heads to Normal's (425 E 31st St.; 410-243-6888), a no-frills book and record emporium in Waverly where used novels and nonfiction tomes are stacked from floor to ceiling, plus half a room of vinyl (gems like Led Zeppelin's III are about \$6). "Secondhand bookstores used to thrive from the '40s until the '90s. The Internet wiped them out," says Bell. "This is the only place I know of that survived."

Normal's doesn't have a bistrot (that's so Barnes and Noble!) but after visiting, Bell sometimes heads across the street to Trinidad Gourmet (418 E 31st St.; 410-243-0072) for a roti, a huge portion of curried beef, chicken or veggies served on pita-like bread.

Bell also likes Clayton Fine Books & Cyber Cafe (317 N Charles St., 410-752-6800) in Mount Vernon, where the atmosphere's more subdued (crimson walls, high wooden bookshelves) than that of beatnik-y Normal's. Stock here ranges from a "Pelican Brief" paperback (\$5) to an illustrated 1816 volume on London architecture (\$9,000).

Bell may always be working on — or looking for — a new book, but he's not just a stay-at-home-and-read guy. Baltimore's restaurants draw him out. One fave? Harbor East's Gardel's (29 S Front St.; 410-837-3737), an Argentinean resto/



THE BRAIN CANDY STORE: In Baltimore's storied Mount Vernon neighborhood, Clayton Fine Books boasts lots of reading material and a library-like atmosphere.

entertainment in a way that goes far beyond Hooter's cheap thrills.

With red walls and shimmering chandeliers on three floors of an 1869 building, Gardel's looks like something from a Sinatra song or a scene from "Evita." It's a setting that might've pleased Carlos Gardel, the Latin American tango musician the spot's named for. But Bell comes here to eat, not to execute dips and turns. "It's fundamentally a dance club, but Gardel's is in the haute cuisine category," he says. "It's Argentinean, all good."

The worn dance floor is usually empty during the dinner hours, when Bell tucks into Nuevo Latino dishes like Adobo shrimp. But

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Gardel's swells with spinning and swirling salsa dancers on Saturday evenings, where, at 8 p.m., newbies can head to the second floor and pay \$10 to learn to shake it like Shakira. Tangoing, with lessons, fills the spot Sunday afternoons.

Pizza's another one of Bell's passions, and his regular pie stop is Matthew's Pizza (3131 Eastern Ave.; 410-276-8755) in Highlandtown. Bell enjoys both the "high kitsch" decor (walls painted with rustic Italian scenes, a men's room marked by a caricature of Michelangelo's David) and pizzas with "great homemade sauces." Bell likes the crab pies, and "their basic cheese and tomato pizza is remarkably good."

Bell's also a regular at the Helmand (806 N Charles St.; 410-752-0311) in Mount Vernon. "It's the only Afghan restaurant I've been to in my life," he says. At dinner, the white table-clothed spot fills up with foodies trying dwopiazia (lamb) and mantwo (beef-onion pastries). Bell likes the sabzy. "It's meat cooked with spinach," he says.

The Helmand, like many of Bell's Charm City hangouts, nourishes him both physically and culturally. He's still getting to know this delicious city, though. "In a way, I'm a Baltimorean," he says. "In another way, there's no way I can ever be."

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